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### **Andover Public Schools Accepted into Kaleidoscope Collective for Learning Initiative** *APS Collaborates with DESE to Nurture Deeper Learning in Massachusetts Public Schools*

*Andover, Mass.* – Andover Public Schools was accepted into the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education’s (DESE) Kaleidoscope Collective pilot program created to nurture deeper learning in Massachusetts Public Schools. Kaleidoscope will pilot DESE’s deeper learning initiative through a coalition of participating teachers, schools, and districts who will have access to opportunities and incentives to try out new approaches to teaching and learning.

“We were thrilled that hundreds of schools and districts expressed interest, many of which completed applications for the Kaleidoscope Collective for Learning,” Elementary and Secondary Education Commissioner Jeffrey C. Riley said. “This reflects schools’ and districts’ enthusiasm for deeper learning – learning that is interactive, relevant, collaborative, and coherently aligned to Massachusetts standards.”

Over 500 schools and districts applied to be part of the pilot. Andover Public Schools is one of 22 schools and districts chosen by DESE to participate. Finalists were selected because they had already begun innovative work involving deeper learning, according to DESE.

“We are so proud to take part in DESE’s Kaleidoscope initiative,” notes Dr. Sheldon Berman, superintendent of Andover Public Schools. “We have created innovative programs that are unique to Andover, and we look forward to sharing our experience and learning from our Kaleidoscope cohorts on how best to support our educators and students.”

“All of us at APS will benefit from our participation in the Kaleidoscope program,” adds Stephen Chinosi, director of Strategic Innovation at APS. “When we invest in deeper learning for our teachers, they can successfully mentor and coach our students to engage in authentic learning that will empower them to think critically, take risks and contribute to the greater good.”

The pilot program will run from January 2020 to June 2021 and will give individual schools and entire districts the chance to rethink classroom instruction around deeper learning.

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**About APS:** The mission of the Andover Public Schools, in partnership with the entire Andover community, is to educate by engaging and inspiring students to develop as self-reliant, responsible citizens who are thinkers, problem solvers, and contributors prepared to participate in an evolving global society.