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## Weekly Update | April 5, 2023

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*Spring drew on...and a greenness grew over those brown beds, which, freshening daily, suggested the thought that Hope traversed them at night, and left each morning brighter traces of her steps.*

— Charlotte Brontë, [Jane Eyre](#)

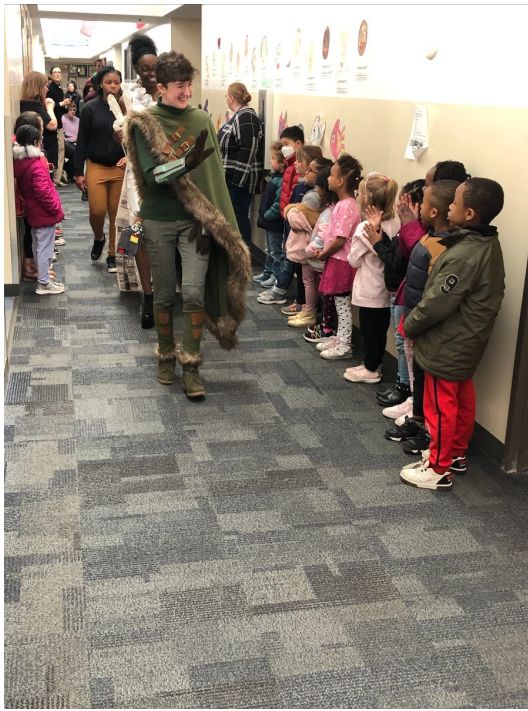
### A Message from Alicia

April is here. As these early days of spring lengthen and grow warmer, it becomes increasingly difficult to suppress the optimism that comes with the anticipation of all the good things to come. The warmer temperatures mean more outdoor activities, more spending time with friends, and more enjoying just being together. It's even hard to believe that Monday was the last day of the third quarter for students in grades 5-11. Although we have completed a significant portion of the school year, there is much to accomplish and look forward to in the weeks ahead.

Today provides the perfect example. The high school students from the Art Workshop have been working all year on sustainable fashion that they have designed and created. The Fashion Show, a yearly tradition, will be held later this month. However, earlier today there was an exciting Fashion Walk Preview at 100 Longwater Circle. Students in the lower grades were treated to a terrific show as the high school students honed their Exhibitions of Mastery skills and demonstrated what talent and perseverance create. A win-win morning for all.







I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all the families who participated in the Annual Family Satisfaction Survey. Every year survey results are used to inform the decision making process, particularly when funding opportunities arise. This year we received 285 responses from 656 families bringing our response rate up to 43%. Your input helps us guide necessary decisions inherent to institutional growth. We all share the same goals; enhancing classroom resources, supporting project-based learning, making sure students have opportunities to study music and art. We also share a commitment to community service, extracurricular activities, and our growing athletic program. The preliminary results of the survey have been tabulated and the results may be found [here](#).

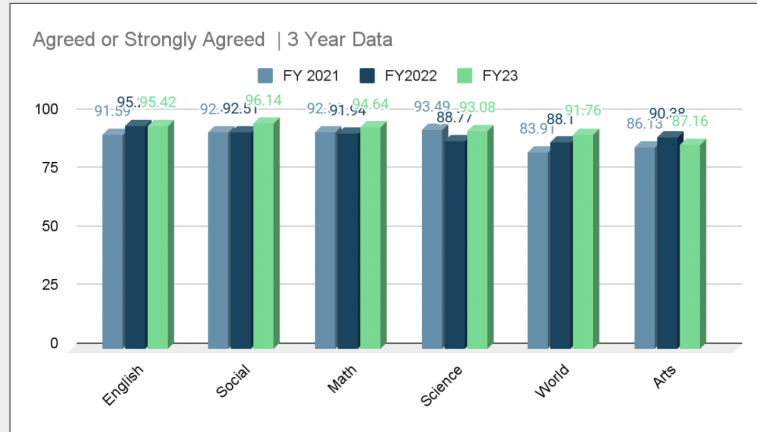
The survey data will be reviewed by the Board of Trustees at the May meeting on Thursday, May 11, 2023 and at the summer July meeting when we review the Annual Report and plan for the year ahead. All responses in the Comments sections will be reviewed at that time. In March, the Board of Trustees reviewed data taken from Question 4, "SSCPS offers a rigorous academic program that prepares students well for future schooling." this year as well as over a three-year trajectory. This year 95.42% of families K-12 indicated *Agreed* or *Strongly Agreed* that the English Language Arts curriculum is rigorous, and 94.64% *Agreed* or *Strongly Agreed* that the Mathematics curriculum is rigorous. Similarly, 96.14% of families *Agreed* or *Strongly Agreed* that the Social Studies/History curriculum is rigorous, 93.08% *Agreed* or *Strongly Agreed* that the Science curriculum is rigorous, 91.76% *Agreed* or *Strongly Agreed* that students are offered a rigorous curriculum for World Languages, and 87.16% *Agreed* or *Strongly Agreed* that students are offered a rigorous Arts curriculum.

### SSCPS Annual Family Survey Preliminary Data

Survey closed on March 6, 2023  
 Response rate 43%  
 285 responses from 656 families

Question 4  
*SSCPS offers a rigorous academic program that prepares students well for future schooling.*

FY 23 Agreed or Strongly Agreed  
 English: 95.42  
 Social Studies/History: 96.14  
 Math: 94.64  
 Science: 93.08  
 World Languages: 91.76  
 The Arts: 87.16



This year we added a sliding scale rating question and a comments section seeking feedback about our new regional transportation program. We are happy to report that 30.88% of families gave the new transportation program a rating of *10 Outstanding*, the highest rating possible. The rating was the most frequently chosen and the weighted average rating for the new transportation program is 9.38. We will be reviewing all comments and suggestions as we plan for next year’s transportation services.

Although our academic programming remains consistently strong, feedback regarding our school facilities has consistently highlighted the need for campus improvements. Ideally we would like to add learning commons at the high school for library sciences, a science and a computer lab, additional studios for art classes, a gym which could double as a performance area, and an athletic field. Next year we will begin planning for the new five-year strategic plan and we will include all survey data since the 2020 Strategic Plan.

Thank you for supporting our mission of inspiring every student to excel in academics, service, and life.

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**Alicia Savage**  
 Executive Director





# IMPORTANT REMINDER

NO SCHOOL  
FRIDAY, April 7th



HAPPY  
PASSOVER

SSCPS WISHES ALL WHO OBSERVE PROSPERITY, JOY,  
AND PEACE THIS PASSOVER.





## FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

With spring upon us the health office wanted to send out some reminders.

- Caffeinated beverages are not allowed in the K through 8 building. This includes coffee, energy drinks and soda.
- Please make sure to check your students for ticks daily, although students are not allowed in the woods, ticks can travel.
- Sunscreen and bug spray can not be applied at school. Please apply bug spray or sunscreen before sending your student to school in the morning.
- Please send your students to school daily with a reusable water bottle.
- Level I students should have a complete change of clothes in their backpacks.

Please keep your students home if they have any off the following symptoms/illness



- Fever greater than 100.0
- Vomiting/diarrhea in last 24 hours
- Not able to manage cough/nasal congestion
- Test positive for COVID

When can my student return to school

- Fever free for 24 hours without medication (if you give Tylenol or Motrin in the morning, please keep student home from school)
- No vomiting/diarrhea for 24 hours
- Well enough to stay at school for the day





The high school students of the MSA have been hard at work during the past few weeks visiting classes at 100 to give presentations about Ramadan and spreading kindness by posting positive messages on the lockers in the high school hallways.







# INTERNATIONAL GEOGRAPHY BEE AND NATIONAL SCIENCE BEE



Congratulations to Yatin Raja (Grade 6) who has qualified for both the National and International Geography Bee competition this year. Yatin has also qualified for the National Science Bee competition this year in the State finals that happened this past weekend in Nashua, NH.

Representing South Shore Public Charter School, Yatin has qualified for three more competitions:

- National Geography Bee in Arlington, VA June 1-4, 2023
- National Science Bee in Arlington, VA June 1-4, 2023
- International Geography Bee in Quebec City, Canada 2024

Last year Yatin was a quarter-finalist in the National Geography Bee in Orlando, FL and qualified for Internationals to be held in Quito, Ecuador this year.

Special thanks to Colin and Zachary, his teachers, and all Yatin's other teachers for their help and support along the way.

## UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS







# Literacy Night is coming!

**Thursday, May 4th, from 6 to 7 p.m.**

**Families of grades K-4 students, please join us for Literacy Night! Your children will hear stories read or told aloud to them in English and other languages by teachers and volunteers.**

*Pajamas and slippers are appropriate dress!*

**If you have any questions please contact:**

**Kristen Gale (kgale@sscps.org) 781-982-4202 x344**

*This is not a drop off event. Please plan for an adult to attend with your child.*

SSCPS SENIOR CLASS  
**FOOD DRIVE**  
COLLECTION DATE: APRIL 5TH-MAY 3RD

**FOOD IS A HUMAN RIGHT AND IS AN IMMEDIATE AND TANGIBLE WAY TO HELP SOMEONE. EVERY DONATION OF FOOD CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE. OUR GOAL IS 500 CANS: HELP US REACH IT!**

**DONATE FOOD IN THE DONATION BOX IN YOUR HOMEROOM. THE HOMEROOM THAT COLLECTS THE MOST FOOD GETS A POPSICLE PARTY!**



IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT ITEMS TO DONATE, CHECK WITH YOUR HOMEROOM TEACHER.

**NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS:**

- (Bolded text is the most needed)
- > **Canned or Dry Soups**
    - o Lentil soup
    - o Nipostrene soup
    - o Split pea soup
    - o Tomato soup
    - o Vegetable soup
    - o Vegetable stock
  - > **Canned Stews and Chili**
    - o Turkey chili
  - > **Canned Vegetables**
    - o Tomatoes
    - o Green beans
    - o Green chilies
    - o Carrots
    - o Onions
    - o Pumpkin
    - o Spinach
    - o Tomatoes
    - o Artichokes
  - > **Canned Fruit**
    - o Peaches
    - o Apricots
    - o Prunes
  - > **Canned Meats**
  - > **Canned Tuna and Salmon**
  - > **Peanut Butter**
  - > **Jelly (in glass)**
  - > **Tea Bags**
  - > **Coffee (Ground No Beans)**
  - > **Canned Pasta**
  - > **Canned Pasta (Spaghetti 'O's')**
  - > **Hot and Cold Cereals**
  - > **Rice**
  - > **Cake Mixes**
  - > **Pancake Mix**
  - > **Syrup**
  - > **Powdered Milk**
  - > **Packaged Pasta (Macaroni & Cheese, etc.)**
- > **Juice Boxes**
  - > **Canned Juices**
  - > **Canned Beans**
  - > **Spam**
  - > **Canned Gravy**
  - > **Granulated Sugar**
  - > **Baby Food & Cereal (Glass Jars Accepted)**
  - > **Baby Formula (Infant/ Similac)**
  - > **Granola Bars**
  - > **Cereal Bars**
- > **Others:**
    - o Brown rice
    - o Grits
    - o Dats
    - o Pasta
    - o Quinoa
    - o White rice
    - o Almonds
    - o Almond butter
    - o Cashews
    - o Cashew butter
    - o Chia seeds
    - o Hazelnut butter
    - o Pumpkin seeds
    - o Sesame seeds
    - o Walnuts
    - o Avocado oil
    - o Bottled water
    - o Cashew milk
    - o Coconut milk
    - o Coffee & tea
    - o Dark chocolate
    - o Protein bars
    - o Jerky
    - o Maple syrup & honey
    - o Non-dairy creamer
    - o Olive oil
    - o Raisins
    - o Bone broth

These are all just examples. If you're unsure about an item not on this list, feel free to do a quick Google search!

# SPRING INTO GIVING



Spring is finally upon us at SSCPS. It's hard to believe that our school is now 28 years old. Where has the time gone? Those early days—the foundation of who we are today—are an important part of our story, and so are you! We are so proud that you have chosen to send your child to our school and have become part of the South Shore Charter Public School story. Together, our stories have shaped this wonderful community into what it is today.

SSCPS has much to offer this spring, and that's largely made possible by the generous donations from our community. Get a glimpse of upcoming special events and athletics that are right around the corner this season at SSCPS [here](#). The money raised toward our Annual Fund this month will be put to use toward the area of greatest need at the end of the school year. Help us reach our \$50k fundraising goal and support the future of SSCPS!

**MAKE A DONATION!**

# ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK!



Don't miss out!  
*¡No te lo pierdas!*

## Your school memories from cover to cover

*Tus recuerdos escolares de principio a fin.*

Visit [ybpay.com](http://ybpay.com) to order your yearbook today!

*¡Ingresa a ybpay.com para encargar tu anuario hoy!*

**Order Deadline:**

*Fecha Tope Para el Pedido:*

**04/28/2023**

**Yearbook ID Code:**

*Código ID del anuario:*

**14917723**

Contact our Help Center for assistance at [lifetouch.com/support-us](http://lifetouch.com/support-us). Select Yearbook Orders for assistance.  
*Comunicate con nuestro Centro de Ayuda para recibir asistencia en [lifetouch.com/support-us](http://lifetouch.com/support-us). Selecciona Pedidos del Anuario para recibir asistencia.*

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**Lifetouch**

To order your yearbook click the button below!

**Yearbook ID code:** 14917723

**Order deadline:** 04/28/2023

**Order Your Yearbook!**



The Yearbook Design Team kindly requests any interested students to submit a design for the cover page of the yearbook. Students will have the opportunity to choose their first choice from a list. Interested parties of designer students will have until-mid February to submit their creations. The competition is open to the entire school and the theme should be anything SSCPS!

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## **COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

*Sponsored by Mayor Bob Hedlund & the Community Events Committee*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR...

*Weymouth's Community*  
**C**  **LEAN UP**  
**DAY!**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 22nd, 2023**

**From 9:00am – Noon**

**RAIN or SHINE!**

All participants **MUST**  
register by calling the  
Mayor's Office at  
781-682-3618 on or  
before April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Lunch  
provided for all  
Volunteers from  
Noon until 1:30 pm  
King Oak Hill Park

Gloves, trash and yard waste bags will be available for pick-up between  
8:00-9:00 am on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, at the Department of Public Works,  
120 Winter Street, for all registered projects.

*Team up with friends and neighbors to work together in an effort to spruce up Weymouth  
and show your Community Pride!*

**Interfaith Social Services - Stop the Stigma 5K**



**5K SPONSORS:**



Each year, Interfaith Social Services organizes the Stop the Stigma 5K to support our loved ones, inspire acceptance, and challenge stigmas. On Saturday, April 29 at The Kennedy Center, there will be a race for this year's End the Stigma 5K.

Students who participate in the race will earn 6 community service hours. Register [here](#).

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YMCA TRAINING, INC. IS NOW ENROLLING FOR:

# MEDICAL ADMIN CREDENTIAL EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

## TRAINING INCLUDES:

- Online Sessions
- Microsoft Office 365 & Zoom
- Resume Writing, Interview Practice, Job Search & Mentoring
- Internships at Greater Boston hospitals
- Exam for Medical Administrative Assistant Certification

## WHAT WE COVER:

- Medical Office Administrative Duties
- Health Insurance
- Billing and Claims
- Introduction to Medical Coding
- Medical Terminology

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- High School Diploma or HiSET (GED)
- Schedule Commitment (Monday-Friday, 9am-1:30pm)
- Seeking Full-Time Employment
- Work Authorization
- Must be up to date with immunizations/vaccinations

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Laptops and internet access is available
- You'll receive a one year YMCA of Greater Boston family membership upon enrollment

For More Information :  
 Alice McNeill  
 Medical Admin. Program Coordinator  
 857.302.1019  
[amcneill@ymcaboston.org](mailto:amcneill@ymcaboston.org)



# SOUTH SHORE YMCA





**FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®  
FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

## **SOUTH SHORE YMCA AFTERSCHOOL**

The South Shore YMCA offers a quality Afterschool Program that takes place in a safe, supportive environment that fosters the physical, cognitive, social, and emotional growth of each child. We strive to support the family unit and provide developmentally appropriate enrichment programs that encourage not just learning, but also the love of learning.

- **Monday through Friday from school dismissal until 6pm**
- **Afterschool options, 1-5 days per week**
- **Grades K-8**
- **Early Release programs from school dismissal until 6pm**
- **Homework assistance**
- **Freedom to explore materials, games, and equipment**
- **Engage in daily indoor/outdoor physical activities**
- **Enhance social skills through positive interactions with peers and YMCA staff**
- **USDA approved healthy daily snacks**

We believe in positive methods of child guidance/discipline. Our staff establishes age-appropriate, reasonable yet consistent limits to help children function in their world. We strive to strengthen each child's own cultural identity while reinforcing respect and celebrating differences through play and positive interactions.



Financial assistance is available thanks to the charitable donations made possible through the South Shore YMCA's Annual Campaign. Monies secured ensure that all are welcome to participate. Applications are available at the Emilson Branch and online at [ssymca.org](http://ssymca.org). Please consider donating your time, talent and treasure to this year's campaign!

To inquire about our Afterschool Program please contact:

Shirley Carrier  
[scarrier@ssymca.org](mailto:scarrier@ssymca.org)  
Phone: 781-826-7900 x 5241

Liam McSweeney  
[lmcsweeney@ssymca.org](mailto:lmcsweeney@ssymca.org)  
Phone: 781-826-7900 x 5240

# **MASSHEALTH REDETERMINATIONS**

# Attention MassHealth Members

You need to renew your coverage this year.



Act now. Stay covered.





## Take three steps to renew coverage this year:

1. **Update your info**
2. **Check your mail**
3. **Respond to MassHealth**

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- 1. Update your personal information:** Inform MassHealth of any changes to your information (address, phone number, email and income).
- 2. Check your mail from MassHealth:** If you get a blue envelope in the mail, you will need to take action to stay covered.
- 3. Respond to MassHealth:** Respond promptly with any requested information from MassHealth. All MassHealth renewals and requests for information will have a due date.

Submit your renewal form before the deadline, even if your personal information has not changed.

## Need Help?

**Online:**  
[www.masshealthrenew.org](http://www.masshealthrenew.org)

**By phone:**  
Call MassHealth Customer Service at 800-841-2900 or (TTY: 711) Monday to Friday between 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
• Learn what documents MassHealth needs from you and your renewal's due date.

**In person:**  
Scan this code or go to [www.masshealthrenew.org](http://www.masshealthrenew.org) to make an appointment with a MassHealth representative or get help near you.



Update your contact information (address, phone number, email) so MassHealth can contact you when it is time for your renewal. If MassHealth cannot reach you, you could lose your health coverage.

If you think you may no longer be eligible for MassHealth, other health coverage options are available, such as an affordable plan through the MA Health Connector.

Members can visit [www.masshealthrenew.org](http://www.masshealthrenew.org) or call customer service at 1-877-MA ENROLL (1-877-623-7773) to learn more or enroll in a plan.

**Starting April 1, 2023, MassHealth will begin the eligibility redetermination process, renewing all 2.3M members over the following 12 months.** This will generally be the first-time members are at risk of losing their coverage since February 2020. In preparation for this effort, MassHealth has increased staffing significantly to handle a greater volume of calls and applications, improved our systems to automatically renew as many members' coverage as possible, and is working in close collaboration with health plans, providers, and other stakeholders. Even with this preparation, we understand that this may be difficult for members.

FROM THE  
PARENTS  
ASSOCIATION



SSCPS PARENTS ASSOCIATION

# MOVIE DAY

JOIN US TO WATCH **MARIO BROS** AT THE  
CAMEO THEATER IN WEYMOUTH  
**FRIDAY 4/7/23**

**TICKETS: \$8 PER PERSON**  
STUDENTS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN!  
**RSVP TODAY AT [WWW.SSCPS-PA.ORG](http://WWW.SSCPS-PA.ORG)**

FRIDAY APRIL 7, 2023 10AM	CAMEO MOVIE THEATER 14 COLUMBIAN STREET SOUTH WEYMOUTH, MA 02190
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The poster features a dark blue background with decorative elements including film reels, film strips, and movie tickets in shades of teal and pink. A central image shows the Mario Bros movie poster.

Use the sign-up button to register!

**SIGN-UP HERE**

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# COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAY AT SSCPS!

**April 29, 2023 | 10:00am - 2:00pm**

Students can receive 4 hours towards their community service requirement (2 hours for working, and a generous 2 hours for travel time). Please bring a rake, gloves, boots, bug spray, and any other items you might need!

We also need a few parent volunteers (you must have your CORI and fingerprints on file with school). Please email [ebsweeney@hotmail.com](mailto:ebsweeney@hotmail.com) to sign up.



In 2022 the SSCPS Parents Association created a new chair, Diversity and Inclusion. The Parents Association is looking for a few parent volunteers to help design what we want this role to look like. If interested please attend this months PA meeting on 1/18/2023 at 6:30pm or email [cindylyons1337@gmail.com](mailto:cindylyons1337@gmail.com).

**The Parents Association is working to ensure teachers can fill their classrooms with the items they need. To help support our teachers and their classrooms, please view the wishlists below.**

**Thank you!**

**amazon**



**wishlist**

**help our teachers!**

**VIEW WISHLISTS**

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## **PA Meeting Schedule | 2022-2023 School Year**

Below you will find the meeting dates for the 2022-2023 school year:

- September 21, 2022
- October 19, 2022
- November 16, 2022
- December 21, 2022
- January 18, 2023
- February 15, 2023
- March 15, 2023
- April 26, 2023
- May 17, 2023
- June 14, 2023 (Transition Meeting)

Be on the lookout for upcoming volunteer opportunities. Information on the Back to School Picnic will be coming soon as well.

If you have any questions please feel free to reach out. Our website can be found [here](#).

**Cindy Lyons**

Parent Council Chair  
[Cindylyons1337@gmail.com](mailto:Cindylyons1337@gmail.com)

You can now access the 2023-2024 school calendar [here](#) and down below under School Documents.

## THIS WEEK | UP AND COMING

Wednesday	04/05	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Ends for Grades 5-11	
Thursday	04/06	Financial Literary Day for Grade 11 and 12	
Friday	04/07	Good Friday Observed – No School	
Tuesday	04/11	MCAS Level II ELA	
Wednesday	04/12	MCAS Level III ELA	
Wednesday	04/12	PSAT Testing Grades 8, 9, and 10	
Wednesday	04/12	SAT Testing Grade 11	
Wednesday	04/12	Senior class to visit the Statehouse in Boston	

## IMPORTANT LINKS



**Weekly Updates are emailed and posted to our website [www.sscps.org](http://www.sscps.org) every Wednesday.**

- [Back-to-School Information](#)
- [Food Services](#)
- [Health Office](#)
- [Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance](#)
- **Visit the [Parents Association Website](#)**

**Here are links to upcoming events and other items of interest. Please contact Pam Algera at [palgera@sscps.org](mailto:palgera@sscps.org) to submit SSCPS items for publication.**

**School Documents:**

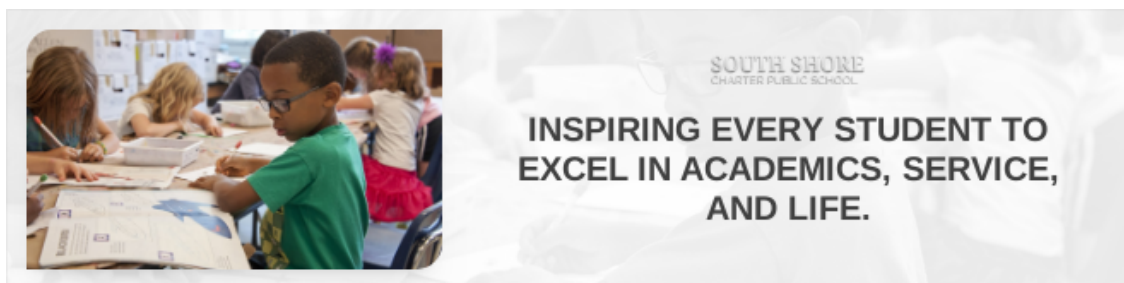
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