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Brockton event gives voice to immigration fears



Artist Blyss-Marie Jackson, 9, and her art at the Youth Art Gallery for Justice at The Gallery at Enso Flats on Aug. 11.
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BROCKTON — Isa Lauture, a youth poet at a recent event on immigration, presented a poem blending Maya Angelou’s “Caged Bird” and the image of the quetzal, a bird with bright green tail-feathers that symbolized freedom and wealth to the Maya, a group with ancient roots in Central America.

“The quetzal fights like her people, beating her wings against bars, begging for the sweet taste of freedom, dreading clipped wings and plucked feathers, mourning for a home that is no longer

safe,” Lauture recited.

The crowd of more than 60 people gathered in The Gallery at Enso Flats one day in August uttered a collective “mmm” after she finished. Lauture was one of many youth poets and visual artists who called out the harms of increased federal immigration enforcement.

Local elected officials also gave short speeches on how they would protect Brockton’s immigrant community, in the context of the recent passage of Massachusetts’ PROTECT Act, which primarily limits agents’ access to schools, hospitals and courthouses. For the most part, they expressed messages

of solidarity. Some shared their own immigration stories.

‘People label us as animals, as zombies or aliens’

Nine-year-old Kai Bala’s aunt was brought to the United States from Portugal when she was a few months old. According to Kai’s mom, Laurel Gibau-Bala, the family has had conversations about the risk that Kai’s aunt could lose her citizenship. President Donald Trump’s administration has repeatedly attempted – but so far failed – to

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B-P has new building, super and standards

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This school year, Bristol-Plymouth students have a new school building, a new superintendent, and a new set of standards that Superintendent of Schools Andrew Rebello says will teach them professionalism as they prepare to enter the workplace.

“We teach everything. We teach them math, English, the shop. How come we don’t teach them professionalism?” Rebello told the Gazette. “That’s something that is starting this year.”

Starting this school year, there will be a new dress code during shop classes, Rebello said. There will also be a new professionalism and career readiness course, although he said there would be more details about that in October. Overall, Rebello said that professionalism will be “something we intentionally teach and develop, rather than simply expect.”

Rebello was chosen by the B-P school committee to succeed retiring Superintendent Alex Magalhaes for the 2026-2027 school year. He officially began the job in August. He gave the Taunton Gazette a tour of the new B-P school building, which recently opened and will be students’ new home this school year. Here’s what he told us about his approach to being superintendent and what the new school year will bring.

New dress code, professional expectations

B-P students currently are required to wear their student IDs during the school day, which mimics the IDs that are worn by employees in many workplaces.

And starting this school year, there is a new dress code for shop classes. The schedule at B-P is divided up into two types of classrooms, academic classrooms and shop classrooms.

Rebello said the specific dress code

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Stanley Cup coming to Stoughton High for free photo event

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The Stanley Cup is coming to Stoughton.

Jorge Alves, the head equipment manager for the Carolina Hurricanes, is bringing the storied Stanley Cup to Stoughton High School for a photo op next week, following the Hurricanes’ championship win.

“You can take your picture with the Stanley Cup!” the school said in a post on Facebook. “Jorge Alves, a 1997 Stoughton High graduate, is the Head Equipment Manager for the Stanley Cup

champion Carolina Hurricanes.”

Alves will be bringing the Stanley Cup on Thursday, Sept. 10.

“This event is free and no tickets are required,” according to the school.

Why is the Stanley Cup traveling to Stoughton?

The tradition of the traveling Stanley Cup goes back decades.

Each year, the winner of the NHL title is awarded the Stanley Cup, and in the time following, each member of the team gets a chance to hold onto the trophy.

This year, the Stanley Cup’s victory

Alves will bring the Stanley Cup to Stoughton High School on Thursday, Sept. 10 from 2:30 to 4:15 p.m.

tour has included golfing, parades and a trip to North Carolina’s legislative building.

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Carolina Hurricanes captain Jordan Staal raises the Stanley Cup after winning Game 6.
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