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Congratulations to teachers Ken Bryson, Amber Blakovich, Dana Goodstein for their very successful first ever district-wide Choral Festival, funded by a grant from the Chatham Education Foundation.  This $2,330 grant brought all the choirs in grades 4-12 together on March 10, 2022 for a full day of learning, singing, and program development. Legendary composer and musical artist, Stacey V. Gibbs, worked with over 400 students on two pieces, including a piece of his that had yet to be premiered, on text expression, music history, and vocal technique, both as individual schools and as a whole unit. In addition to working together musically, students learned social-emotional learning through various musical and non-musical team building activities.

The final performance of the students performing together, which will be premiered at a later date, was recorded with very high audio recorders, funded by a prior grant from the Chatham Education Foundation.

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Congratulations again to Mr. Bryson, Ms. Blakovich, Ms. Goodstein, Mr. Gibbs, and all the students for an amazing day of growth and singing!