

Incoming Gov. Charlie Baker to hold public events across Mass. as part of 'Spotlight on Excellence' inaugural swing

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Governor-elect Charlie Baker and incoming Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito will hold a series of events across Massachusetts next week to coincide with the official inaugural ceremonies at the Statehouse in Boston.

According to Baker's office, the first stop in the "Spotlight on Excellence" swing hits Lawrence on Wednesday, as they visit the Robert Frost Middle School on Hamlet Street.

Each of the stops were chosen to highlight programs which work and the incoming governor would like to see replicated where possible across the commonwealth.

"Massachusetts is home to great people who work hard everyday to make our commonwealth a better place and our administration wants to celebrate these folks and work to replicate their success across the commonwealth," Baker said in a statement. "Just as we traveled across the commonwealth during the campaign to learn about the innovative ideas and results of these organizations first hand, once in office we will be relying on their experience as we work to build better schools, strengthen our communities and create jobs in Massachusetts."

On Thursday, Baker will officially start his day at 10:30 a.m. when he enters the State House. At noon he is sworn in and after he greets citizens in attendance as the new governor, he will head over to the Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative at the Kroc Community Center in Boston. In the evening, Baker and Polito will hold their "Let's Be Great" Inaugural Celebration at 8 p.m.

On Friday, Baker takes his tour to Central Massachusetts as he visits the Blackstone Valley Vocational Technical School in Upton at 11:15 a.m. and then the Worcester Polytech Institute Gateway Park in Worcester at 1:15 p.m.

On Saturday, the governor and his team make their way to Western Mass with two stops in the Berkshires. The first stop is at the Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art (MassMoCA) in North Adams at 11 a.m. The second stop brings them to "We Soldier On" on West Housatonic Street in Pittsfield at 1 p.m.