

EDUCATION

NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Our faculty, staff and administration continue to teach to high expectations and our students thrive in this environment, excelling in every arena: academic, athletic and extracurricular. There are a number of events that capture the essence of last year.

We were fortunate to have grant funds to supplement our budget and help our schools move forward. We used the America's Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) grants very wisely to address immediate needs and to build capacity for the future. We wrote the grants to support professional development, training, and curriculum work where we could. We have invested heavily in supporting our math instruction for grades 5-9, reading instruction for grades K-5, and writing instruction grades K-12. Our emphasis has been and continues to be communication: be clear, be concise, and be focused on topic. This can be for the spoken as well as the written word. We have offered, and will continue to offer this spring, workshops for staff on writing across the curriculum so that kids can learn to communicate what they know, understand and are able to do in each content area. We have emphasized a few specific strategies and trained all staff in those strategies so that students are hearing the same vocabulary, seeing the same strategies and using the same schema whether it is in science, social studies, English or math. The program is called Six Traits. It is an approach for students to use to organize their thinking, content and personal style in the different genres of writing. We are very excited about this particular initiative.

In mathematics we provided training for our grade five through nine teachers in the area of "vertical acceleration." Based on the work by Mahesh Sharma, former President of Cambridge College, our teachers are working on their skills to teach students those elements of the math curriculum that will make the most difference for most kids to understand mathematics sooner and be able to "do it" with more success. The area most focused on is numeracy, where kids have to understand place value, operations and how numbers relate to one another. This training along with the district's adoption of the same K- 8 textbook series for mathematics provides us with greater consistency in vocabulary and instructional strategies in all of our schools.

This past summer we trained twenty teachers in Responsive Classroom, a focused approach for developing a community of learners. We have about 2/3 of our elementary staff already trained and we need to get everyone trained over time and keep them current in strategies that engage all learners, set the tone for the classroom and keep students connected with one another and the school.

Additionally, we have invested heavily in time and thinking to ensure a quality construction project in Stow (a new elementary school addition and renovation is occurring for a Pk-5 building). The Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Renovation/Addition of Center School, soon to house preK-5, was attended by all students and faculty, as well as some parents, community members, and state dignitaries. We are also looking at our space needs at the high school, especially outdoor space, and are awaiting a report on how we might be able to move forward to gain better use of existing fields and other spaces.

The employees of the District have been taking advantage of the Wellness Programs offered by MIIA (Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association). Last year, many participated in the Zumba classes, the Strength and Stretch Exercise Program, a Mediterranean cooking demo, a Food and Mood cooking demo and the Pedometer Walking Program! Through these programs, we kept moving and learned about new healthy food alternatives.

The fall of 2010 brought a ten-week Heart Matters Program where the Nashoba employees set an all-time attendance record for MIIA! 53 staff members and retirees signed up and had their blood levels, weight, and blood pressure checked as a baseline entering the sessions. They attended ten meetings after school and learned about healthy choices, nutrition, stress reduction, exercise and even had a healthy cooking demonstration. At every class, the participants were introduced to a new healthy snack and were given a binder of recipes and guidelines for making healthy choices.

Nashoba Regional High School has been ranked within the top 5% of public high schools across the nation for three years running. Nashoba students performed 37th in MCAS out of 342 school Districts in 2010. Students at Nashoba are offered a wide array of challenging courses and extra-curricular offerings in a fully inclusive setting, which helps us in our goal to have each student reach their full potential.

This past summer our *Best Buddies Program* at the high school was recognized as one of the top groups in the nation for their work supporting intellectually and physically challenged youngsters. Members of the group pair off with students with disabilities and help support them in everyday activities at the high school and the community.

Fifty-three (53) students at Nashoba Regional High School earned Advanced Placement Scholar Awards in recognition of their exceptional achievement on AP Exams. The College Board's Advanced Placement Program® (AP®) provides willing and academically prepared students with the opportunity to take rigorous college-level courses while still in high school, and to earn college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on the AP Exams. About 18 percent of the 1.8 million students worldwide who took AP Exams performed at a sufficiently high level to also earn an AP Scholar Award.

At Nashoba, sixteen (16) students qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average score of 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. An additional fifteen (15) students qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average score of 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. Twenty-two (22) students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by earning by completing three or more AP Exams with scores of 3 or higher. Of this year's award recipients at Nashoba Regional High School, fifteen (15) took the tests as sophomores or juniors.

Eleven (11) students from our senior class have achieved Commended Students status in the National Merit Program. The National Merit Scholarship Program evaluates all of the PSAT scores from this graduating class's national cohort. Commended students are in the top 50,000 performers in the nation. When one considers that over 1.5 million students from the class of

2011 took the PSAT that highlights the magnitude of this achievement. Additionally, our students compete with their peers from Massachusetts, which ranks in the top of the nation for PSAT results.

It was another exciting year in 2010 for Nashoba sports teams. Participation was at an all-time high again with over 535 student-athletes participating in the high school sports program. Nashoba now offers 25 sports at the varsity level and fields a total of 42 teams on an annual basis.

The year was highlighted by Nashoba football team's Super Bowl appearance, which capped an amazing season by the Chieftains. The squad finished with an overall record of 10-3. The Chieftains won eight straight games before falling to Division I power St. John's 31-21 in the Super Bowl. Nashoba went undefeated in league play to capture the Central Mass. Division 1B regular season title.

The fall of 2010 was one of the most successful overall seasons for Nashoba sports teams in recent memory. Four teams were undefeated in the league, including football, girls' soccer, and boys' & girls' cross country. Those four combined for a 27-0 record against conference opponents in bringing home four titles to Nashoba. All qualified and had success in the post-season, including the boys' soccer team, which made the playoffs for the first time in five years. The boys' & girls' cross country teams advanced to the state finals and the girls' soccer team played in the MIAA District Semi-Finals.

Going back, the spring of 2010 also saw Nashoba teams succeed in the post-season. The boys' and girls' tennis teams combined for a regular season record of 25-7 and the girls' team advanced to the MIAA District Semi-Finals. The baseball (13-7), boys' lacrosse (9-9) and girls' lacrosse teams (9-7) also qualified for the MIAA playoffs.

There were numerous individual accomplishments during 2010 and several Nashoba student-athletes were recognized as some of the best in the state. Coby Horowitz (Stow) added to his long list of accomplishments by winning the 2-mile run in the All-State Indoor Meet in March, defeating all other competitors regardless of Division. For the first time in 30 years, the Nashoba-Clinton wrestling program had three student-athletes place in the MIAA Individual State Tournament: Josue Guerra (Clinton), Brad Lewis (Stow) and Andrew Holfinger (Clinton). Rachel Peabody (Stow), Kat Malley (Bolton) and Nick Bateman (Bolton) competed at the 2010 MIAA Alpine Ski State Championships. Peabody was the top performer for the Chieftains, and finished 22nd out of top 130 skiers in the state.

Jair Cruikshank (Lancaster), Peter Hagermoser (Lancaster) and Abby Hurd (Stow), captured individual district titles at the MIAA Central Massachusetts' District Spring Meet in May. Cruikshank set a school and meet record in the 400 meter hurdles, while Hurd won the two-mile run and Hagermoser won the shot put. Those three qualified for the State Finals in June along with Emily Clark (Stow), Casey Teska (Stow), Rachel Busch (Stow), John Ojukwu (Stow), Alex Schryver (Lancaster), and Horowitz.

Returning to fall sports, Hurd snagged her second District title of the year, winning the Girls' Division 1 District race and placing third in the state meet in November. The football team swept league MVP honors as Conor Wyand (Stow) was named league MVP, Will Hurley (Stow) was tabbed offensive MVP and Randy Patterson (Bolton) was the defensive MVP. Chelsea Roche (Bolton) and Mary Hilliger (Lancaster) were named Mid-Wach League Co-MVP's in girls' soccer and Roche went on to earn NSCAA All-Region honors.

A total of 57 Nashoba student-athletes were named to Mid-Wach League All-Star teams in 2010, but every one of our 500+ student-athletes that participated in sports deserves to be congratulated for their hard work and success. Additionally, the Nashoba Youth grade five boys' football team and girls' cheering squad won the state championships. At Hale Middle School the Girls' Cross Country team placed second in the state meet. All of our athletes worked extremely hard throughout the year and represented the school district well both on and off the fields.

At Hale Middle School its first-year robotics team placed second in its first competition against all high schools. The math team took second place at a regional event in Shrewsbury.

Nashoba works to promote authentic opportunities for writing and reading whenever possible. Ms. Grady's grade one class sent the U.S. Olympic Figure Skating Team a spirit poster. They were acknowledged by the team. Grades 1 and 5 and K and 5 have book buddy partnerships where older students read to younger students and work together on book response projects. Mrs. Sullivan's fifth grade classroom in Stow and Mrs. Gothie's fourth grade class in Bolton are pen pals. At the end of the year they will meet their pen pals via Skype. Ms. Grady, has participated in an author's celebration with Mrs. Winin and PC Penguin by reading their own books they wrote. All Grade one students at Pompositticut share their own books with parents on Author's Day at the end of the school year. Grade 5 students hosted a school museum with projects on the Maya, Aztec, and Inca. Some made videos, posters, 3-D models, and power point presentations. Two teachers from Switzerland visited Pompositticut and Center Schools to learn about American education, and share their cultural and professional practices. They spent 2 weeks in our classrooms on sabbatical.

Bringing in the community is an important part of learning for our students. The Stow Garden Club planted flowers for Memorial Day with Stow's grade one students. Our teachers on the district Early Childhood Committee are creating Lending Libraries where books and activities go home to preschool children in the community. Mrs. Plumb's second grade classroom partnered with Stow Senior Citizens to share hobbies, play games, and interview the seniors for a biography. Our schools continue to host teacher interns from various area colleges, especially Framingham State University, Boston University, Northeastern University and Clark University. We extended a hearty welcome to two teachers from Switzerland who visited Pompositticut and Center Schools to learn about American education, and share their cultural and professional practices. They spent two weeks in our classrooms on sabbatical. Our high school also sponsored several teachers from Germany along with students for a two week visit.

Our Kindergarten teachers in Stow guided by Mrs. Hass, a first grade teacher and administrative intern, prepared extensive portfolios showing evidence of required criteria from the National Association of Education for Young Children (NAEYC) for the re-accreditation process.

Our report would not be complete without mention of the faculty and administration who retired. Ken Tucker, Florence Sawyer Principal, retired after thirty-four years with the system, the last 12 as principal. Suzanne Wintle and Miriam D'Angona, elementary teachers at Florence Sawyer; Barbara Carvalho, Florence Sawyer Librarian; Nancy Merritt, Kindergarten Aide at Pompositticut; Marlene Bergart, Speech and Language Clinician at Pompositticut; April Michaud, music and band instructor at Pompositticut and Center Schools; Gail Foote, School Interventionist at Hale; Arthur Stickler, Technology & Engineering Teacher at NRHS; Pam Storm, Speech and Language Clinician at Mary Rowlandson; and Cathy Haslett, Physical Education Teacher at NRHS, all retired and were recognized for their service at a May 2010 event.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Wood, Superintendent of Schools
Brian Burke, NRSD Committee Chair

Maureen Busch, Committee Member
Lynn Colletti, Committee Member

NASHOBA REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - - CLASS OF 2010

** Bradley James Lewis – President
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** Samantha Holmes Squires – Valedictorian

** Ryan James Nicoll – Vice President
** Peter Andrew CampoBasso – Secretary
** Samantha Grace Lindsay – Salutatorian

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Dylan Matthew Aucoin
Brendon Johnston Aylaian
Brittini Marie Bashaw
Suzanna Bailey Bass
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Amanda Lincoln Bearce
Katherine Anne Bedding
Alexie Lynn Betzig
Katherine Paige Biegler
Daniel Robert Bolton
Kevin Carl Bourassa
Allison Catherine Bradley*
Courtney Bradley-Rynne
Jolie Ann Breitenwischer
Tyler Austin Brooks
Kenneth Peter Brouillette
Matthew Patrick Brown
Jillian Croft Burgoyne

Brendan Michael Burgwinkle
Nicholas Charles Butland
Christopher Francis Cacciatore
Stephanie Marie Cannon
Jacob Lawrence Carlson
Denis Wesley Caron
Shannon Marie Casey
Monica Ciruelos
Kaitlyn Alyssa Clark
Robert James Cohen
William Francis Blake Collett
Christopher Reed Comas
Grace Irene Connor
Danielle Rhea Copes
Cole Thomas Coppola
Amanda Ellen Cozzens
Valerie Linda Cozzens
Luke David Cressman
Adrienne Elise Cummings
Michael Xadreon Cummings
Nickolas Kostia Cushing
Jon Michael Cushion
Haley Marie Dalzell
Margaret Rose Dawson
Justin Donald DeBenedetto

Nicole Kristina Dellana
Michelle Marie DeNorscia
James Edward Deufel
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Maxwell Richard Dischler
Natasha Marie Don
Alexander Christopher Doucette
Bryan Daniel Dragonetti
Robert John Durben
Cassandra Diane Elworthy
Maxwell Hugh Saul Emrich
Douglas David Ernst
Anne Marie Farrell
Kelsey Jean Farrell
Scott Robert Farrell
Daniel Alfredo Fenstermaker
Regina Margaret Fenstermaker
Brian James Flaherty
Morgan Clare Flynn-Alling
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Tyler Stuart Gold
Sophia Rose Gonet
Lindsey Marie Gonzalez
Casey Marc Granese
Zoe Kae Gregerson
Douglas Edward Grosch
Zachary Scott Guerette
Kayla Anne Gusko
Peter Martin Hagermoser
Christopher Michael Haid
Chelsea Beverly Hamill
Heather Marie Hansen
Warren Brett Harris
Kyla Shae Harvey
Samuel Elston Hastings
Carolyn Hatch
Marissa Lee Hayes
Jane Susan Hedstrom
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Robert John Herbison
Christine Nicole Hewitt
Timothy Michael Hill
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Rachel Josephine Hole
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Denise Leisl Houseman
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Vanessa Jean-Baptiste
Maryangel Haeji Jeon
Yivan Jiang
Sara Katherine Johnstone
Tyler Lee Jones
Allison Patricia Joyce

David Thomas Julian
Zachary Jonathan King
Harold James Kirkpatrick
Chelsea Noelle Koch
Krystal Mariah Krantz-Hartford
Jennifer Devorah Kurtzer
Jennifer Nicole La Comfora
Daniel Hervey Lafond
Jonathan Langberg
Claire Rose Lavina
Taylor Morgan Leaming
Samuel James Leandres
Rory Benjamin Leland
Nicholas Raymond Lemay
Kathryn Mary Leonardi
Brandon Michael Levesque
Casey Andrew Lewis
Andrew Laurence Lincoln
Rianna Christine Linstrom
Megan Kathleen Little*
William Francis Lombardo
Stephen Michael Lombardozzi
Timothy Jonathan Lovington
Shelbee Rose MacCracken
Joseph Anthony Magdaleno
Scott Barber Mahon
Rachel Maki
Christopher Michael Marchilli
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Craig Thaddeus Martin
Stefanie Marie Martinek
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Samuel Bradford Masters
Audrey Lynn Mazzola
Christopher Gerard McAndrews

Brigid Marie McCarter
Joseph Thomas McGillicuddy
Tyler William Medeiros
Joseph John Melanson
Jeniffer Adrienne Mendes Alves
Amy Kaitlin Millet
Ericka Gloria Morgan
Matthew John Morrison
Calandra Margarita Mpelkas
Stephanie Marie Mudgett
Alyssa Marie Muldoon
Meghanne Michelle Nadreau
John Brideau Nagle
Matthew Ross Nixon
Caitlin Nicole Norman
Richard Albert Nutting
Jamie Lynne O'Connor
Kelsey Elizabeth O'Donnell
Elizabeth Ann O'Ryan
Bernadette Chidiebere Ojukwu
Thomas Christian Oliver
Sophonie Marthe Omeler
Benjamin Jared Oxenberg
Taylor Marie Paglia
Daniel Steven Paladini
Christopher Earl Parenteau
Cody Brian Payson
Abigail Rose Peacock
Noah Peduzzi
Kathryn Jeanne Pesanelli
Jeffrey Samuel Pieper
Jennifer Marie Pisano
Diane Marie Polewarczyk
Elizabeth Rose Pollastri
James Andrew Porteus

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Katherine Rainha
John William Ribeiro
Alexa Donna Riccio
Rebecca Jeanne Rixon
Alison Elisabeth Rizzi
Christopher David Roche*
Steven Michael Rodgers
Lindsey Grace Rundlett
Kaitlin Theresa Ryan
Kellie Faye Sahagian
Lawrence Joseph Salvo
Luke Hyma Scanlan
Nicholas John Scannell
Eric Charles Schryver
Cassie Elizabeth Sefton

Ellyn Marie Sherman
Amy Jae-In Shin
Katrina Lynn Simkewicz
Shelby Louise Sirois
Achan Sookying
Nichole Kristine Spilios
Colleen Leigh Stevenson
David W. Stewart-Owen
Tyler James Stockhaus
Tyler Andrew Sullivan
Oliver Roy Taylor
Desiree Jean Tetreault
Jess Christian Thomas
Rebekah Ellen Tobia
Harrison Michael Traylor
Nicole Renee Tremblay
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Michael Andrew Vittorioso
Kathryn Alta Wachs
Benjamin Karl Walbridge
Brent William Walkoff
Zachary Howard Wassall
Trevor James Weatherbee
Shannon Jean Wheeler
Christopher Ryan Wilson
Kirsten Lee Winin
Deanna Nicole Witkowski
Britney Perilli Wuorio
Christopher James Wysocki

* Certificate of Completion

** Inducted into National Honor Society

MINUTEMAN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

About Minuteman

Minuteman is a four-year career and technical high school serving the member towns of: Acton, Arlington, Belmont, Bolton, Boxborough Carlisle, Concord, Dover, Lancaster, Lexington, Lincoln, Needham, Stow, Sudbury, Wayland, and Weston. Minuteman combines rigorous academics in preparation for college with relevant career and technical programs. The school also provides career development programs for adults through the Community Education program.

Enrollment

As of October 1, 2010, twenty-nine (29) high school students were enrolled at Minuteman providing a full time equivalent (FTE) of twenty-nine (29) residents of Stow.

This fall, Minuteman experienced a 60% increase in the Freshman Class. New recruitment and communications strategies were executed and have included students, parents, alumni and advisory committee members speaking to parents, interested students and community groups about the value add of a Minuteman education. As the 2011-2012 Recruitment Activities have evolved we have seen an additional increase in interested 8th graders. All indications are that student interest in Minuteman is increasing from our member communities.

Multiple Avenues of Enrollment

Minuteman offers a unique program allowing student enrollment on a half day-every day basis. Currently, no Nashoba Regional High School students take advantage of this design. Juniors and Seniors are encouraged to visit minuteman.org for more information.

Minuteman offers 'Post Graduate' programs to Stow residents of any age who are seeking to enhance their own economic opportunity via skill development. Beginning in FY12 Member community Post-Graduate Students will be charged a partial tuition that will escalate over several fiscal years to reflect the estimated operating costs.

2010 Stow Graduates and Awards

Victoria Dodge, Biotechnology
Michael Jagger, Drafting
Daniel Maloney, Carpentry
Kenneth March, Biotechnology
Katherine Mikoski, Health Assisting

At the 2010 graduation, Katherine Mikoski received the Bonnie Hilla Memorial Award and the Friends of Minuteman Award. Kenneth March received the Department of the Army Award, Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators Award, Minuteman Attendance Award, Minuteman Drama Club Award, Minuteman Parent Association -Student Athlete Award, Minuteman Parent Association N.H.S. Award, Minuteman Principal's Award, Stow Lions Club Award, and the Minuteman Parent Association- Community Service Award. Victoria Dodge received the Stow Lions Club Award and the Friends of Minuteman Award.

These awards are given to students of superior academic achievement and significant participation in school or community activities.

SkillsUSA

Katie Mikoski competed in the Costello Family Community Service and the Tech Prep – Health categories. She received the Silver Medal in both categories. Kenneth March was a Legacy Award Winner and a National Voting Delegate.

Class of 2010 Graduate Achievement Highlights

- 100% successfully passed the state-required MCAS in English and Math.
- 25% of the class of 2010 earned the John and Abigail Adams Scholarships.
- 72% college bound or advanced Technical Training, 19% career bound and 5% military. Overall, graduates achieved a 96% positive placement rate.
- 100% of Dental graduates passed the National Dental Board examination.
- 100% of Early Education and Care program completers were certified by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care.
- 100% of Cosmetology graduates passed State Board examinations.
- Health Occupation graduates achieved 100% in college acceptance.
- Commencement Student speakers:
 - Valedictorian, Adam Strandberg, a Biotechnology graduate from Tewksbury, was honored with the DeLuca Family Award, the Minuteman National Honor Society Award, the MPA - Science Technology Academic Scholar Award and was a Friends of Minuteman Award recipient. Adam is attending Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in Cambridge, MA.
 - Salutatorian, Ivan Yu, a Pre-Engineering graduate from Billerica, was honored with the Minuteman Attendance Award, the Minuteman National Honor Society Award, the Murphy Insurance Agency, and was a Friends of Minuteman Award recipient. Ivan is attending Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY.
 - Senior Class President, Dianna Willms, a Pre-Engineering graduate from Arlington, was honored with the Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship, the Marine Corps Athlete Certificate, the Minuteman Drama Club Award, the MPA /Elaine Karkos Award, the MPA Science Technology Award, and was a Friends of Minuteman Award recipient. Dianna is attending Western New England College in Springfield, MA.

District Leadership

- In December of 2010, Middlesex County District Attorney, Gerard Leone, recognized Superintendent, Edward Bouquillon with the Martin Meehan Education Leadership Award in achieving exemplary status in regards to school safety, protection and education of its students.
- In January of 2011, the Lexington Chamber of Commerce recognized Minuteman in its efforts to promote Workforce and Adult Education programs with the 2011 Community Initiative Award.

- The New England Association of School and Colleges (NEASC) approved the Decennial Re-accreditation of Minuteman in November of 2009 with a concern regarding the facility.

Financial and Asset Management

- The Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) invited Minuteman to the Feasibility phase of a renovation project. As of August 15, 2010, 16 of 16 member towns approved the Feasibility Study request of \$724,000. The first phase of the project includes the completion of an Enrollment Study, Strategic Plan, and a review of the Regional District Agreement. In late spring the district will continue the Feasibility Study to provide member communities with further details regarding the potential project scope.
- The financial management software system, BudgetSense, was fully implemented in the Business Office. A new Director of Business and Operations replaced two administrators. This position oversees all areas of non-instructional support services provided to the school and will continue to improve effectiveness and transparency in these areas.
- Cosmetic upgrades continued in the school, relocating the Early Education Child Care Center, refurbishing of hallway areas, three classrooms, and removal of dilapidated bleachers and out buildings on the property.

Curriculum and Instruction

- Since 2008 all 9th grade students have studied English and Math every day, rather than the long-established “week-on-week-off” schedule, thus providing more consistent and concentrated instruction in preparation for MCAS as well as project-based learning and academic and technical integration.
- The Strategic Planning process has identified several new programs that Minuteman will be offering including: Criminal Justice/Bio-Security, Animal Science and Technical and Performing Theater Arts Cluster. Two programs were phased out in 2010 including Office Technology and Auto Body Repair. In 2010, Hospitality Management gained Chapter 74 State Approval. A Barbering Program is in its second year of operation under the umbrella of the currently approved Cosmetology program.

Assessment and Program Evaluation

- Minuteman offers a Non-traditional Exploratory Program through which all students learn about the viability of men and women in non-traditional careers, such as Automotive Technology, Carpentry and Construction, Computer Science, and Engineering for women and in Medical Careers, Cosmetology / Barbering for young men.

Professional Development

- The Minuteman staff has prioritized professional development for the 2009 – 2012 school years; including summative and formative assessment methodologies. In addition, Minuteman is in its third year of creating a Professional Learning Community. School-wide goals being implemented include; teacher-to-teacher peer observations, 9th Grade Executive

Function support, Reading Consultancies, and Academic-Career and Technical curriculum integration.

Teaching Faculty Recognition

- Environmental Technology teacher Emily Blume was awarded the 2010 Ocean Stewardship Teacher of the Year Award from the New England Aquarium.
- Social Studies teachers accepted an invitation to participate in a Teaching American History Grant, awarded by the U.S. Dept. of Education. Other members of the collaborative are Lexington, Woburn, Burlington, Bedford, and Somerville Public Schools.

Student Access, Participation and Support

- Minuteman reorganized the assignment of guidance counselors to provide incoming 9th grade students with a dedicated guidance counselor. Our research has shown that many freshmen need additional support as they adjust to High School.
- A freshman Executive Function initiative was launched this year. Students received a master binder to enhance their planning and organization skills. Direct instruction includes the development of study skills and strategies with particular emphasis on: pre-reading, time management, unit organization, note-taking, and test preparation
- This is the second year of supporting a full-time Reading Specialist. In addition to working with the students on his own caseload, he consults with academic and CTE teachers toward the development and application of a school-wide reading program.
- Enrollment has increased in Art (50%) and Music (200%)!
- Enrollment in Honors courses has increased 24%.
- Minuteman offers 16 sports with three levels (Varsity, Junior Varsity and Freshmen) throughout the school year. Over the past 7 years the number of participants has doubled in many of the sports offered. Minuteman students have access to more than 20 clubs and activities.
- The Minuteman Parent Association (MPA) meets monthly and supports all aspects of the Minuteman community. In addition, they assist in fundraising for scholarships awarded at graduation. The goal of the MPA is to help support student access and achievement in all areas including but not limited to academic, vocational, athletic, and extra-curricular activities.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Edward Bouquillon, School Superintendent
Alice DeLuca, Stow representative and Vice Chair to Minuteman School Committee