

Concord Public Schools and the Concord-Carlisle Regional School District are committed to educating all students to become independent lifelong learners, creative thinkers, caring citizens, and responsible contributors to our increasingly diverse global society. The core values and beliefs include academic excellence, an empathic and respectful community, professional collaboration, educational equity, and continuous improvement.

The School Committees and Superintendent are dedicated to achieving these goals while maintaining a transparent public process related to policy decisions. This article is one in a series that is intended to update and inform the residents of Concord and Carlisle about the districts' on-going activities, initiatives and policies.

### **Thoureau Principal Search**

The process to select the new Thoureau Principal search is moving forward. A member selection committee comprised of Thoureau parents and teachers as well as District administrators and an elementary school principal reviewed twenty-two applications and interviewed 8 individuals. The selection committee chose 4 candidates to interview with Superintendent. The 4 finalists will participate in a Thoureau site visit to meet all faculty and staff as well as to participate in an evening forum with parents and Thoureau community members. The parent-community forums are scheduled for Wednesday, January 22 and Thursday, January 23 at 6:30-7:30 on both dates. The following week, the Superintendent and members of selection committee will visit finalists' school sites to interview their current staff, faculty, students, and parents. Feedback will be collected and references will be checked before the Superintendent makes the final decision.

### **Your Voice Matters: K12 Insight**

The Superintendent and School Committees committed to improving communication efforts and have introduced another vehicle for students, parents, teachers, and local residents to share comments, concerns, insights, questions, and compliments. Interested individuals, through the Your Voice Matters link on the district's web site, can communicate directly with the Superintendent. Powered by K12 Insight, this feature allows the Superintendent to respond or forward the comment or inquiry to the appropriate principal.

This feature represents another element recently implemented to improve communication; other elements include the school committee coffees, updates in the local papers, the Superintendent's twitter account and updates on the web site.

### **Contact Information**

The School Committees and Superintendent are committed to on-going public dialogue and to ensuring that residents of Carlisle and Concord are informed. School Committee meetings are open to the public and the public is encouraged to attend. The meetings are broadcast on CCTV and are available on demand at [www.concordtv.org](http://www.concordtv.org). The district web site ([www.concordpublicschools.net](http://www.concordpublicschools.net)) contains updated information on meetings and interested individuals can contact the Concord School Committee via email at [concordschoolcommittee@colonial.net](mailto:concordschoolcommittee@colonial.net) and the Concord-Carlisle Regional School Committee at [concordcarliseschoolcommittee@colonial.net](mailto:concordcarliseschoolcommittee@colonial.net). Individuals can also follow the Superintendent on twitter, @Concord\_Super.