

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.

Safe and Positive Learning Environments

The Principals from each of the Concord Schools shared their school plans to foster safe and positive learning environments with the School Committees at a recent meeting. The plans outline the goals, core values, and beliefs for each school site as well as emergency preparedness. Individual school plans include curriculum based measures to help student develop social and emotional skills in self-management, self-awareness, responsible decision making, relationships, and social awareness. In addition, the plans contain bullying prevention and intervention protocols that are consistent with the District Approved Plan and state regulations. The plans are developed with input from the school administration, the Concord Police School Resource Officer, the school psychologist, nurses and guidance counselors. Individuals interested in the Safe and Positive Learning Environment Plan for their child's school can contact the school principal or visit the district web site listed below.

National Principals Month

The School Committees and Superintendent honored the principals in Concord Public Schools and the Concord-Carlisle High School (CCHS) to support the designation of October 2013 as "National Principals Month" at the October 8th meeting. Those recognized included Sharon Young at Alcott, Nancy Peterson at Thoreau, Pat Fernandes at Willard, Lynne Beattie at Concord Middle School, and Peter Badalament at CCHS.

School Committees and Superintendent Listening Sessions

The School Committees and Superintendent invite Concord and Carlisle community members to join them for coffee and conversation on the following dates:

- Tuesday, October 29, 7-8:30 pm Alcott Cafeteria
- Tuesday, November 19, 7-8:30 pm, Peabody Forum.

The School Committee created the plan to hold monthly listening sessions at various school sites to provide the public with a forum to comment and ask questions of members of the School Committees and the Superintendent. This is one of several measures the School Committees and Superintendent are instituting to enhance public participation and access to information.

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. The district web site (www.concordpublicschools.net) contains updated information on meetings and interested individuals can contact the Concord School Committee via email at cps@colonial.net and the Concord-Carlisle Regional School Committee at cchs@colonial.net.