

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.

CCHS to Implement 1-to-1 Laptop Program in 2015

School officials and the School Committees discussed on-going planning for CCHS to implement a 1-to-1 laptop program for the fall of 2015 at a recent School Committee meeting. The goal of a 1-to-1 plan is to have each student enrolled with access to their own laptop computer. During the past five years, many districts in Massachusetts are moving to this model including Boston, Reading, Burlington, Weston, Lynnfield and Hopkinton.

Research has demonstrated that these types of programs fundamentally change learning as students become active contributors and not just consumers. It will allow teachers to personalize learning and differentiate instruction as well as to have access to student work that will facilitate ongoing formative assessment. CCHS learner outcomes for the 1-to-1 program include independent learning, complex thinking, communicating, collaborating and being a responsible citizen. The fundamental exchange between the student and teacher will still be the core of the learning experience.

The plan will ensure that every student is guaranteed access to technology with subsidies for families in need and loaner laptops available to students in school if their families do not want to participate.

There will be a series of school and community forums starting this spring so parents and students have the opportunity to give input and ask questions.

School Committee Website Design Upgrade and Superintendent on Twitter

As part of the strategy to improve communications with citizens, Superintendent Rigby has created a Twitter account ([concord_super](#)) and the School Committee has re-designed its web page, www.concordpublicschools.net/school-committee, to facilitate use and information sharing. Both actions are elements in the plan launched by the School Committees this year to improve transparency and to create more dialogue with the community.

The School Committees 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 concordschoolcommittee@colonial.net and the Concord-Carlisle Regional School Committee at concordcarliseschoolcommittee@colonial.net or the Your Voice link on the District's home page at www.concordpublicschools.net.