

### **The School Committees Report**

The School Committees are dedicated to supporting the school districts' educational goals for Concord, Carlisle and Boston students 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.

### **Regional District Earns Aaa Bond Rating from Moody's**

Citing the Regional School District's history of stable financial operations and a strong financial position, Moody's Investor Services assigned a Aaa rating to the bonds issued to fund construction of the new high school. This exceptional rating allows the District to secure very favorable interest rates which translates into significant savings for tax-payers in Concord and Carlisle.

The report also recognizes the District's history of maintaining its reserves, known as the excess in deficiency account, at the highest levels allowed by state statute. State law allows school districts to fund the excess in deficiency account up to 5% of the subsequent year's operating and capital accounts. City and Town governments do not have the same restriction.

Other factors mentioned in the rating report include the manageable debt burden, support from member towns of debt exclusions, and the sizeable tax base of the towns.

### **Advisory Committees**

The School Committees are in the process of forming three Advisory Committees. These Committees will address the naming of facilities on school property, the school calendar and the future use of alternative fuel buses. Citizens interested in being considered for service on any of these committees should send an email to the School Committee to describe their interest and qualifications for the committee.

### **School Related Articles at Town Meeting are scheduled for Monday, April 13 at CCHS**

Members of the School Committees encourage everyone to participate in the public dialogue regarding the school related articles at this year's Town Meeting. The dates for upcoming School Committee Community Coffees to discuss the budgets are posted on the School Committee web page.

### **The School Committees Contact Information**

You can link to the School Committees' emails on the Districts' home page at [www.concordpublicschools.net](http://www.concordpublicschools.net). Or, you can email the Concord Public School Committee at [concordschoolcommittee@colonial.net](mailto:concordschoolcommittee@colonial.net) and the Concord-Carlisle Regional School Committee at [concordcarliseschoolcommittee@colonial.net](mailto:concordcarliseschoolcommittee@colonial.net). You can reach out to the Superintendent and the School Committees through the Your Voice Matters link on the Districts' home page.

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 reports, presentations and information on meetings.