

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.

The School Committees Recognize Phil Benincasa and Jenn Munn

At the first meeting of the School Committees following the recent town elections, members took time to honor the service of former members Phil Benincasa and Jenn Munn.

Phil Benincasa was recognized by his colleagues for his commitment to the Town of Concord, his tireless work to find a permanent location for the school transportation facility as well as for his perspective as a former principal serving in Concord for 30 years. Phil revealed how he felt that he had come full circle because the recognition of his service was taking place in the same room at the Ripley building where the reception was held to introduce him to the Concord community as an in-coming principal 42 years ago.

Members praised Jenn Munn's leadership, wisdom and inclusive style as Chair of the Concord-Carlisle School Committee. They also recognized that Jenn's commitment to the public schools started long before her years on the committee as a key organizer of the All Night Live high school senior graduation celebration and serving as the President of the Concord Ed Fund for four years.

In addition to the well wishes and thanks from members of the Committee and Superintendent of Schools Diana Rigby, both Jenn and Phil received a chair and Concord-Carlisle jacket as a token of appreciation.

School Committees Welcome New Members

The School Committees welcomed recently elected members Heather Bout and Daniel Conti both of Concord. Heather is a long-time volunteer for the schools including serving on a School Council and she was recently Chair of the Board at the Concord Children's Center. Daniel is a teacher and the head of the English Department of Lincoln-Sudbury High School.

School Committee Community Coffee, May 19th, 7:00-8:30 pm, Alcott School

Members encouraged residents with comments, questions or concerns to attend the upcoming School Committee Community Coffee being held on May 19th at 7pm in the Alcott School. These events provide a forum for committee members to engage with residents outside of the business meetings of the School Committees.

Community Open House at the New CCHS a Major Success

School Committee members thanked members of the Building Committee and particularly, Michelle Ernst, as well as volunteers for their work to host a community open house on May 2nd at the new Concord-Carlisle High School. More than 2,000 people attended and toured the new facility which opened to students on Tuesday, April 28th.

The School Committees Contact Information

You can link to the School Committees' emails on the Districts' home page at www.concordpublicschools.net. Or, you can email the Concord Public School Committee at concordschoolcommittee@colonial.net and the Concord-Carlisle Regional School Committee at 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. The district web site (www.concordpublicschools.net) contains updated reports, presentations and information on meetings.