

## **The School Committees Report**

The School Committees and Superintendent are dedicated to achieving their educational 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.

## **School Improvement Plans Presented to Concord School Committee**

The principals from Concord Public Schools presented their Elementary and Middle School Improvement Plans to the Concord School Committee at their latest meeting on June 9th. These plans and presentations provide the principals with an opportunity to report on progress from their annual school improvement goals and outline their improvement goals and activities for the coming year.

Each plan is developed at the individual school sites with input from parents, teachers, staff, the School Advisory Councils and the Administration. The plans set specific goals for academic achievement, integrated technology, professional development, and school climate. While there are overarching goals set by the School District, the School Improvement Plans allow each school site to tailor the goals and activities based on student and faculty needs. The plans are also used as a guide to develop the new school budget and allocate resources effectively.

An example of an activity is the pilot program at the Alcott School for the METCO students to address achievement and learning gaps. The administration and teachers developed a plan for incoming Boston students that included extended days and academic modules that allowed all students at the school site to meet grade level standards at the end of kindergarten. Prior to the pilot program being implemented, this goal had not been achieved for all METCO students. Alcott's School Improvement Plan calls for the program to be extended to the first grade in the coming year.

## **Summer Capital Projects**

The Administration reviewed the capital projects slated for the summer and those include accessibility related projects at the Ripley to make the building compliant with new Massachusetts Architectural Access Board and Americans with Disabilities Act regulations as well as a new boiler at Sanborn. The new high efficiency boiler will replace the original 1964 fire tube boiler creating savings in energy costs and a more environmentally sustainable heating system.

## **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](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) or the Your Voice link on the District's home page at [www.concordpublicschools.net](http://www.concordpublicschools.net).