

Acton Public School Committee Meeting

November 19, 2009

7:30 p.m.

at the

McCarthy-Towne School Library

AGENDA

- I. <u>CALL TO ORDER</u>
- II. CHAIRPERSON'S INTRODUCTION
- III. <u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 15, 2009 AND STATEMENT OF WARRANT</u>
- IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
- V. <u>EDUCATION REPORT McCarthy-Towne School David Krane, Principal</u>
- VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - 1. ALG Report / Acton Finance Committee Report Xuan Kong
 - Revised Minutes for 10/21/09
 - ALG Meeting Agenda for 11/18
 - 2. BOS Update Terry Lindgren
 - 3. FY'10 Budget Update Steve Mills
 - 4. FY'11 Budget Update Steve Mills
 - APS Principals' FY'11 Budget Requests
 - 5. Health Trust Report John Petersen
 - 6. Recommendation to Approve FY'10 Integrated Preschool Tuition Rate **VOTE** *Liza Huber*

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. State Petition to Relieve Unfunded Mandates per Representative Corey Atkins list of prioritized mandates and required reports *Xuan Kong*
- Recommendation to Approve Acton Public Schools' Tuition Rate for 2009-10
 VOTE Tess Summers / Steve Mills
- Recommendation to Approve 2010-2011 School Calendar <u>VOTE</u> Steve Mills
 Citizen's Email
- 4. Recommendation to Accept Gifts from the Friends of the Acton Libraries <u>VOTE</u> *Steve Mills*
- 5. Moving Forward with Capital Projects Steve Mills/JD Head

VIII. FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- 1. Flu Update Liza Huber
- 2. ESL Student Enrollment Report November 1
- 3. FY'10 Monthly APS Financial Reports
 - a. Budget Status Summary
 - b. Budget Status Summary McCarthy-Towne
 - c. Budget Status Summary SPED
- 4. Thanksgiving Dismissal Schedule November 25
- 5. Report on Superintendent's Health Advisory Council meeting November 18
- 6. Kindergarten Registration Schedule (addendum)
- 7. November 1, 2009 Student Enrollment Numbers / Class Size Info (addendum)
- 8. Report of Professional Development Day, November 3 Susan Horn (oral)

- 9. Report on Minuteman Tech Expansion Breakfast Meeting, Oct 23 Steve Mills/Sharon McManus https://doc.acton-ma.gov/dsweb/View/Collection-2959
- 10. Measuring Growth in Student Performance in MCAS Susan Horn
- 11. Links to School Newsletters:

Acton Public School Preschool: http://ab.mec.edu/Preschool/index.htm

Conant Crier: http://conant.ab.mec.edu/pto/newsletter.html

Douglas Digest: http://douglas.ab.mec.edu/index.html?pto/pto

Gates Gazette: http://gates.ab.mec.edu/gazette.html

McCarthy-Towne Bulletin: http://www.mctptso.org/bulletin/

Merriam Community News: http://merriam.ab.mec.edu/newsletters.html

IX. ISSUES FOR THE COMMITTEE

- 1. School Committee Liaison for each Elementary School Xuan Kong
- 2. Long-range planning question from BOS member Xuan Kong
- X. <u>EXECUTIVE SESSION</u> (if needed)
- XI. <u>NEXT MEETING</u> December 17, 7:30 pm at R.J. Grey Junior High School
- XII. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

ACTON PUBLIC SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING DRAFT MINUTES

Library October 15, 2009
Merriam School 7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Michael Coppolino, Xuan Kong, Terry Lindgren, Sharon Smith McManus,

John Petersen

Absent: Jonathan Chinitz

Others: Susan Horn, Liza Huber, Stephen Mills, Beth Petr, Tess Summers, citizens

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The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by Xuan Kong.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of September 17, 2009 were unanimously approved as amended.

STATEMENT OF WARRANT

Warrant #201007 dated 10/6/09 in the amount of \$207,586.05 was signed by the chairperson and circulated to the Committee for approval.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - none

EDUCATION REPORT - Merriam School - Principal Ed Kaufman

Ed talked about three significant themes/issues:

Goal #1 Integrating Technology

Student laptops (Macbooks) were used for 5th and 6th grade projects. Interactive white boards (Smartboards), smart pens, In-Focus projectors, Alphasmart keyboards, "Elmos", and Teacher laptops are also being used by various grades. A new school website was developed with accessibility as a focus. It has been enthusiastically received.

Goal #2 Promoting Social Skills and Decreasing Bullying Behavior

Proactive (Open Circle) and reactive (case study work) efforts are being used, with an emphasis on solving conflicts and working things out in a group. This is being coordinated with the District Committee headed up by Liza Huber and Dr. Mills.

Goal #3 Collaboration Between Merriam and McCarthy-Towne Schools

Merriam has a lot of collaboration among teachers, but much collaboration also goes on with the two schools that share the building. This happens informally as well as in Committees (such as the Peaceful Coexistence Committee and the Steering Committee). A question was asked about shared resources, including instructional staff. The School Psychologist, PE teacher, and Library resource people work as a team. Food Service staff and custodians are also shared.

A school committee member said that he'd like to see how technology is shared and used among the other schools, as well as how the technology is helping us in regard to special education and different learning styles.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. ALG Report/Acton Finance Committee Report

The ALG Meeting scheduled for 10/14/09 was postponed to 10/21/09.

Dr. Mills presented at the FinCom meeting on 10/13/09, see slides posted at http://ab.mec.edu/pdffiles/FinComOct13-2009.pdf FinCom wanted to know how the stimulus money will be used. To avert the need for a Special Acton Town Meeting, we cut \$494,000 from this year's school budget. The cuts implemented were not to essential services yet, but any future cut will most likely impact essential services. This will be a community conversation as we move forward. A yearly point of view document will be drafted by Bill Mullin in mid December. This will focus on contingency areas of the budget. Reason for having the school and town come to present was so Fincom could understand what priorities both boards are considering for FY11. Mary Ann Ashton hopes to have a report from the Cost Saving Committee at the next meeting.

3. FY'10 Budget Update

Dr. Mills attended a New Superintendents' meeting on 10/14/2009 and all anticipated more 9C cuts very soon. We should probably prepare for more cuts in January. DESE person said 10% across the board cuts will mean that it will vary from community to community. Wealthier communities (like Acton) will be cut more than the poorer. Sharon McManus asked if they talked about changing the funding formula. Dr. Mills said that they did not. John Petersen and Terry Lindgren are liaisons to our state representatives. John asked if Xuan is asking them to communicate to the Representatives that "We don't want to see any cuts disproportionately to our community." Terry disagreed about us not picking up more slack in the deficit. Mike agrees with Terry. Sharon wants to keep the formula as is so maybe in the future we will catch up. John appreciates the points, but he feels pretty strongly that if we took a \$5 million hit, the pain we would feel would be substantial. He wants us to represent that we have significant needs financially. Xuan added that "We're looking for fairness, not equality."

Dr. Mills outlined some of the cuts already enacted this year, including one Central Office staff person cut saving \$35,000, a cut in materials and supplies, The Lamplighter newsletter is going electronic only, and custodians will not be filling in for each other when one is out to reduce overtime pay. Costs will be evaluated based on "Need to do vs. Nice to do". A lot more of that is coming. Essential things will get done. JD Head talked about energy savings including a "Demand Response Program" that allowed us to sell back at three times the cost during one event in August. As a few special education students have become more independent, their services have been lessened. Tess Summers pointed out that health insurance is reduced because we moved a few people into the Food Services budget. We budgeted for 17 enrolling in our health insurance programs, but only had 14 so that was helpful. This was a 10% budgeted increase that actually was only 6-7%.

Xuan Kong thanked Dr. Mills and his staff for putting more details behind the cut numbers.

4. FY'11 Budget

Dr. Mills is looking at all expenses with fresh eyes, including the large revolving accounts. One example is the operating budget for athletics which is \$150,000/year. Many towns have higher charges for some athletic programs. The hockey program, for example costs \$35,000 for a small number of kids. He was very successful in getting appropriate corporate advertising for athletics in Worcester. Dr. Mills will present similar ideas regarding technology and other areas. The Committee agreed that we need to consider all options before we start laying people off.

5. Youth Advocacy Community Symposium Report

The Beacon did a nice story on this today. Connectiveness is important, not just communication. Participants talked for an hour after the gathering about how they could help. Liza Huber thanked Beth Elohim for the use of their building free of charge. She also thanked the local business owners, social service organizations, school staff, and others who all came with a shared common purpose to think of the obligation to our children.

6. West Acton Boardwalk Project - http://www.boardwalk.westacton.net/

Pat Easterly and Christine Phillips (Gates and Douglas parents) gave an update. A state grant was submitted with Susan Horn. They also applied for two other grants. More active participants and fundraising are needed. A Walkathon with the two schools raised \$5000.

7. October 1 Enrollment Report

Although enrollments were expected to drop, they are increasing. Class sizes are a growing issue.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Recommendation to Approve FY'10 Integrated Preschool Tuition Rate (addendum)

The Committee would like more information and will vote on this next month.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 2. Recommendation to Accept Gift from Conant School PTO
- 3. Recommendation to Accept Gift from Douglas School PTO
- 4. Recommendation to Accept Gift from Gates School PTO
- 5. Recommendation to Accept Gift from McCarthy-Towne School PTO
- 6. Recommendation to Accept Gift from Merriam School PTO

John Petersen moved that the PTO gifts totaling \$486,000. be accepted. He pointed out that this is 1.9% of the aggregate budget and acknowledged the extreme generosity of our parents' money and time. "We owe the parents a tremendous amount for helping out like this year after year." Mike Coppolino asked about the amount that is from Douglas at Dawn/Dusk and asked if it was fundraising plus daycare from Douglas. Conant's after school program is coordinated by Community Education and Erin Bettez runs that program, so those funds do not all show in Conant's total.

Acton Public School Committee:

It was moved, seconded and unanimously

<u>VOTED</u>: To approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

7. Recommendation to Approve Douglas Field Trip

It was moved, seconded, and unanimously

<u>VOTED:</u> to approve the Douglas Field Trip to Nature's Classroom on April 26 – 28, 2010

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

1. Flu Update

There has been an uptick in the number of High School students home with the flu. It is strongly recommended that everyone get the seasonal vaccine. Liza Huber has met with the Board of Health and they do not know when the vaccine will arrive.

At 9:11 pm, Sharon Smith McManus called the Regional School Committee to order.

At 9:12 pm, the Acton-Boxborough Regional School Committee was polled and voted unanimously to go into Executive Session (Joint School Committee) according to Chapter 39 Section 23A Paragraph 3, "To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the governmental body."

At 9:12pm, the Acton Public School Committee was polled and voted unanimously to go into Executive Session (Joint School Committee) according to Chapter 39 Section 23A Paragraph 3, "To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the governmental body."

At 10:40 pm, the Joint meeting resumed.

The Acton-Boxborough Regional School Committee Meeting adjourned at 10:41 pm. The Acton Public School Committee Meeting adjourned at 10:41 pm.

NEXT MEETING - November 19, 7:30 pm at McCarthy-Towne School

Respectfully submitted, Beth Petr Secretary

Draft Minutes

ALG --October 21, 2009.

Present: Bart Wendell, Facilitator. Paulina Knibbe, Peter Berry, BoS; Sharon McManus, SC; Herman Kabakoff, Mary Ann Ashton, FC; Steve Ledoux, Dr. Mills, John Murray, Marie Altieri, staff. Absent Xuan Kong

Audience: Denise Kelly, Tess Summers, school staff, Ruth Kohls, LWV; Dick Calendrella, Clint Seward, Robert Ingram, Mr. Hoff, Charlie Kadlec.

Mr. Calendrella rose to a point of order. He stated when he arrived in 204; the tables were in a "U-shape" and were moved to the rectangular shape over his protest. He said that the placement was "disrespectful to the public and they cannot hear." Mary Ann countered that there was no proscribed format for the meeting. We have made all the materials accessible, added microphones & I like to look into the eyes of the others. We are having a conversation, it is more important to be a group, I am happy with the way the tables are arranged.

Bart suggested that those who were having trouble hearing pull their closer, which they did.

8. Other—there were no others

- 1. Minutes were approved with a minor correction on page 1 next to last para: APS was changed to AB.
- 2. FY10 Town/School/State budget revenue update—Steve Ledoux, Steve Mills

Steve Ledoux reported that he is in a "holding pattern"---waiting for the Governor. It has been r4eported that 2,000state jobs will be cut but at approx. \$60k/job the \$600m deficit is not greatly reduced. Steve has a hiring and spending freeze on the Town.

Dr. Mills reported that the SC voted to reduce the AB budget by \$494K---but is worried about the pending 9c cuts that are due next week. There has been "talk" about an across the board cut of 10% for Ch. 70. Mills does not think that will happen because the poorer districts, such as Lawrence get \$90M in Ch. 70 funds & a 10% cut would be draconian. He thinks that other districts, like Acton [more affluent] will get a greater cut.

Discussion

Herman asked if there was a strategy for this cut & if there was a need for a Special Town Meeting.

Paulina: it depends on the revenue & the DOR requirements. If the cuts in AB can be covered by the region and those in APS can cover the cuts to the school, covered by the overlay.

Steve L the timing is important---if the cuts come after Jan. 1

John M: the Legislature has yet to give the Governor the power to make 9c cuts---last time it did take them three days.

3. Review of ALG Spreadsheet Marie Altieri

Extra information: a corrected spreadsheet

Marie: (reading down the sheet) there was a \$600k deficit in revenue; we then got \$160k in taxes; \$440k on sheet; added \$135k from overlay reduced AB assessment by \$305 [Acton's portion]

Additional AB revenues

Transportation aid at Town Meeting was \$768k---we actually got \$924k. We used the difference to offset loss in Ch.70. The \$768k has been cut to \$603k

We have been able to put the "excess" in E&D to use in FY 12. The DOR has ruled that we may not do that in the future. E&D is also capped at 5% of the budget---\$1.8M we now have \$1.5M

Discussion

Mary Ann What % is the \$603k of the costs? Ans: 40%

One area where we knew the numbers with certainty is no longer certain. We've added FY 13 [to the sheet] with all revenues level---that may be a mistake---new growth has dropped from \$600k to \$500k

Marie: FY11, 12 & 13 \$2-2.4M deficit with @ \$6M in reserve. Next Friday we should know from the state about FY 11

Steve L: we are keeping the excise the same---we did not seem to profit from "Cash for Clunkers" and it is a depreciating revenue

MA: why only \$500k for new growth?

Steve L Brian wanted \$400---so we split the difference.

MA in FY 09 it was \$1M. Assuming that \$500 is safe and perhaps could pick-up in FY 12 & 13---I think we need to consider a lower scenario for state aid---several tiers of revenue for FY 11

JM I think we need a paradigm shift at look at the expense levels and see the impacts of increases of 5 & 3%--what does that say of the use of the reserves & then we can start working on expenses---everyone knows where the cuts are.

Sharon: I agree that we need different scenarios—3% & 5%?

Discussion continued as to what % should be shown—utilities are likely to rise by 3% but it was agreed that there should be two.

Bart: we are in favor of 0% & 3% and level service. These numbers will be worked into the spreadsheet & taken back to the boards for review

Clint Seward commented that there were 800 unemployed people in Acton—a range of 6% (?) tax revenues? He suggested that the ALG look for a 6% overall budget reduction **Mr. Kadlec** noted that the scenarios did not mean much when the contracts still had to be negotiated.

Marie asked if she should change the state aid by a 20% reduction. It was determined that move was a bit early.

3. Split Allocation—Paulina, Steve Ledoux

Paulina said that she and Sharon met to discuss the APS debt issue. There is general agreement that when the local schools take on debt inside Prop 2 ½, the split should move so that the revenues to cover that expense is shifted from the schools to the town. However, there is some disagreement about whether or not that shift has occurred for the recent APS debt obligations.

Proposal: John Murray, Steve Barrett, Marie & Tess are to go back & look at the debt obligations & find out the facts.

In addition there has been a long-standing agreement that the schools would provide the revenue to cover one of the two police officers in the COPs in schools. The schools need to make a determination if they want to continue this program. If not, the town needs to decide if they want to fund the full program or cut the program.

It was agreed to find out the facts first & then come back & discuss the split.

7. Schedule

Extra info: a sheet with outlining the dates that the ALG needs to discuss issues, reach consensus, go back to respective boards, final ALG consensus and confirmation by boards

On the issues side was override

Bart: I do not see anyone talking about an override-correct? (yes)

The COPs discussion needs to be brought before the community before it is stopped.

Discussion:

During the general discussion it was noted that the decision to pay for major capital projects inside Prop 2 ½ was putting a great deal of pressure on the operating budgets. Should this decision be revisited?

Herman was opposed to revisiting noting that the votes at Town Meeting put the debt outside 21/2 & in the operating budgets.

As part of the COPs decision Steve L & the police chief need to meet with Steve Mills and possibly the school committee..

Peter wanted to know if stopping the COPs program means cutting safety staff. The answer is not known. The costs for the program are \$67k from both sides---two officers. Cutting the program could mean transferring those officers to patrol duty or cutting the officers

Bart: how do we proceed? COPs/split/overall spending?

Paulina: we do not expect any major capital projects this year but I do not think it[the idea of moving debt out of the operating budgets] should be off the table.

Sharon: we visited this topic two years ago & are now finding that it is unsustainable.

John Murray refinanced \$2.5M loans recently

Mary Ann was thanked for the schedule & there will be an effort to follow the listed dates.

Mr. Kadlec stated that taking the debt from the operating budget was a tax increase

6 Minuteman

Extra info:52 pages on the condition of the Minuteman building; budget numbers; Acton's portion; report to the Town of Needham about the planned construction

Herman reported that the Minuteman project has two phases---design; construction. They are asking for design money now (FY11) Acton's portion is \$53-54k. Construction costs are expected to be in the \$30M range. There is a breakfast on Friday (Oct 24) to show the plans to the member towns.

Acton is one of 16 member towns & all have to approve the assessments before the projects can go forward. This is a high hurdle. Arlington, the town with the greatest number of students will be assessed the lion's share.

At present Acton pays \$711k assessment for students & programs at the junior high **Discussion**

There were no definitive answers about state aid for construction. Mary Ann said she thought it might be as (high/low) as 40%. It is hoped that all the questions will be answered at the breakfast.

Some expressed the opinion that if the town is not doing any capital improvements---it will be a difficult sell for a regional project.

Agenda

Minuteman; facts about the school debt; following The Schedule

Bart: "As an outsider, it is heartwarming to see the attendees at this early hour. There may even be more than at my Town Meeting [Bart is the elected Town Moderator]. I need to keep this meeting moving quickly---I know the public wants to talk but we will have the full conversation at the table first. I will make sure that the public is heard."

Next Meeting Nov. 18

Adjourned 8:20 AM Ann Chang N.B.

I will be out of Town until Nov. 10. After that date I will process your comments & corrections before the next meeting



Acton Leadership Group Meeting

November 18, 2009

7:15 AM

Town Hall, Faulkner Hearing Room

Bart Wendell Facilitating				
	Agenda Topics			
Please Not	te 7:15 AM Start Time!			
1. Approval of Minutes 10/21/09	General Discussion			
2. FY 10 Town/School/State Budget Revenue Update	Steve Ledoux Steve Mills			
3. Split Allocation: School Debt and Police	John Murray Marie Altieri			
4. Review of ALG Spreadsheet	Marie Altieri			
5. Update on Minuteman Expansion	Dore' Hunter			
6. FY 11 Budget Process	Steve Ledoux			
7. Local Meals and Motel Tax, FY 2011 Budget	Peter Berry Steve Ledoux			
8. Other				

^{*}The next ALG meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 16, 2009



ACTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS * ACTON-BOXBOROUGH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Pupil Services

November 13, 2009

To: Stephen Mills

From: Liza Huber

Subject: 2009-2010 Integrated Preschool Tuitions

In formulating a rationale for the Integrated Preschool tuitions, the following options were considered:

Option #1: To reasonably calculate and predict costs of preschool tuitions by modeling out-of-district (ODD) tuitions which are generally increased by 3.47%.

Option #2: To calculate actual value, i.e., to determine the number of FTEs and benefits, divided by the number of enrolled students and consider the degree of severity of the disability.

Option #3: To combine the above options by using a formula and actual value and adding a range to the formula to compensate for increases (or decreases) in budgeting.

Increasing the tuitions by 3.47% is a good predictor of costs. That said, this percentage yearly increase neither accounts for any economic uptick or for the type or severity of disability. It is the type and severity of the disability that often times influence educational programming.

Predicting costs for "actual value", which includes accountability, assignment of students to programs, and reliability of actual budget expenditures, offers a more accurate description of expenditures but must be done yearly without knowing future student populations in upcoming fiscal years. Both options have their distinct advantages and disadvantages, but option #3 will give us the most robust method for expenditures.

Option #3 would give us range of percentages between 3.5 -6 % built into it. {The range will account for the variability in the disability and severity as mentioned above. For example, we may need to add or subtract an assistant from the program based upon a given population for that year.}

In providing a litmus test for this formula, I have examined the FY09 APS Preschool Program tuition and continue to report a \$20,182 fee. For the APS Preschool ABA Program, the fee is \$38,274.

In FY10, the recommended fee is almost level funded at \$20,350 and \$38,294 respectively. However, to compensate for the economy uptick (teacher and staff negotiated salaries) and consideration of the special education axes that are described above, a reasonable percentage formula would be 3.5-6%.

Acton Public Schools Preschool Program

\$20,350

Acton Public Schools Preschool ABA Program:

\$38,294

As a final point of information, there are currently no openings in either program for FY10.

Trends:

	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10
APS Preschool Program APS Preschool ABA Program	\$13,434	\$19,500	\$20,182	\$20,350
	\$No Rate	\$36,980	\$38,274	\$38,294

Subject: Unfunded Mandates & 9C Cuts - MassBudget Brief: The Governor's Plan to

Close the FY 2010 Budget Gap **Date:**Thu, 29 Oct 2009 16:51:46 -0400

From: Atkins, Cory - Rep. (HOU) < Cory. Atkins@state.ma.us>

To:

CC:Maryjane Kenney <u>kennet@carlisle.mec.edu</u>, <u>kenney@acton-ma.gov</u>, <u>kenney@acton-</u>

Good afternoon,

In light of the Governor's 9C cuts announcement this afternoon (see below – click on the full report for an easy-to-read summary), Rep. Atkins respectfully reminds you of the request she made of the town officials and school leaders in her communities:

- compose a list of the <u>unfunded state mandates</u> that municipalities are required to comply with & the <u>reports</u> to state agencies that municipalities are required to submit;
- prioritize those items (mandates) that should be re-designed and/or eliminated:
- if possible, reply by **Nov.** 30th with such recommendations so they can be included in the cost-saving measures report for the FY2011 budget cycle that we will submit to the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee (HWM), Charles A. Murphy of Burlington.

Now is the time to bring these items to the attention of the Chairman of HWM who has expressed interest in receiving them. Thank you to those who have already responded. We have received items from 2 of our 4 communities thus far and look forward to receiving more.

Best,

Natalie Kaufman Legislative Aide State Representative Cory Atkins Vice Chair, House Rules Committee 14th Middlesex District State House Room 166 Boston, MA 02133

Tel: (617) 722-2692 Fax: (617) 722-2822

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: ACTON PUBLIC SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FROM: SHARON SUMMERS

SUBJECT: APS NON-RESIDENT TUITION RATE FOR FY'10

DATE: 11/16/2009

CC: DR. STEPHEN MILLS

Non-resident tuition rates for previous years have been based on dividing the total budget appropriation by the number of students as of October 1 of the school year.

In order to calculate an APS non-resident tuition rate for FY10, based on your request to include all fund expenditures, I consulted the DESE web site, specifically the Department's calculation of per pupil expenditures. Previous to FY05, DESE calculated per pupil expenditures by using only school committee and municipal school appropriations for local schools; however, the formula was changed in FY05 to show expenditures from all sources.

I have prepared the following chart based on the unaudited FY09 End-of-Year (EOY) Report that is filed with DESE and used to calculate FY09 per pupil expenditures, and the FY09 appropriated budget. This chart lists all of the funding sources used by DESE to calculate total per pupil expenditures:

Acton Public Schools Per Pupil Expenditure FY09

School Committee Appropriation Municipal applications outside	\$24,764,318
School Committee budgets	\$ 1,546,933
Federal Grants	\$ 1,171,852
Circuit Breaker Funds	\$ 633,041
Revolving and Special Revenue	
Funds	\$ 944,673
School Lunch Funds	\$ 552,169
Total	\$29,612,986

There are eleven categories of spending reported in the DESE's per pupil calculation:

1000 Administration 2100, 2200 Instructional Leadership

2305, 2310	Classroom and Specialist Teachers
2315, 2340	Other Teaching Services
2350	Professional Development
2400	Instructional Materials, Technology and Equipment
2800, 2900	Guidance and Psychology
3000	Student Services (medical, transportation, student activities)
4000	Maintenance
5000	Employee Benefits and Fixed Charges
9000	Programs with Other School Districts (tuition, transportation)

Categories of spending that are not included are:

6000	Community Service
7000	Acquisition, Improvement and Replacement of Fixed Assets
8000	Debt Retirement and Debt Service for School Construction

Using the above spreadsheet, and dividing the total expenditures by the total number of students from the October 1, 2009 enrollment of 2,623, the per pupil expenditure cost for FY'10 is \$11,290.

If you are in agreement with this method of determining the non-resident tuition rate for APS for FY10, please vote to accept the above rate as the FY'10 non-resident tuition rate for Acton Public Schools. If you would like other calculations performed in order to determine the rate, please let me know.

Acton Public Schools

Acton-Boxborough Regional School District SCHOOL CALENDAR, 2010-2011 – DRAFT 3

Approved: ABRSC 11/5/09

APSC pending

Bold Underlined Dates = No School Days

Aug.	М	Т	W	Т	F	Teachers' mtg. – Aug 30	Jan.	М	Т	W	T	F		
Sept.	30	31	1	2	<u>3</u>	Schools Open – Aug 31		3	4	5	6	7	Schools Open - Jan. 3	
	<u>6</u>	7	8	<u>9</u>	10	No School - Sept. 3		10	11	12	13	14	Jr. High Early Dis Jan. 6	
	13	14	15	16	17	Labor Day - Sept. 6		<u>17</u>	18	19	20	21	Martin Luther King Day - Jan. 17	
	20	21	22	23	24	Rosh Hashanah – Sept 9		24	25	26	27	28	Kindergarten Change-over - Jan.	24
	27	28	29	30		Yom Kippur – Sat., Sept 18		31					School Days - 20	
						HS Early Dismissal - Sept. 24		4						
						School Days - 20	Feb.	М	Т	W	Т	F		
									1	2	3	4		
Oct.	M	Т	W	Т	F			7	8	9	10	11	Presidents' Day - Feb. 21	
					1			14	15	16	17	18	Winter Recess - Feb. 21 -25	
	4	5	6	7	8	Columbus Day - Oct. 11		21	22	23	24	<u>25</u>	School Days - 14	
	<u>11</u>	12	13	14	15	Elem Early Dismissal - Oct 27			₩					
	18	19	20	21	22		Mar.	М	T	W	Т	F		
	25	26	<u>27</u>	28	29	School Days - 20			1	2	3	4		
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Nov.	M	Т	W	Т	F	Professional Day - Nov. 2 (no school/students)		14	15	16	17	18		
	1	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	4	5	Elem Early Dismissal – Nov 3		21	22	23	24	25	HS Early Dismissal - March 24	
	8	9	10	<u>11</u>	12	Veterans Day - Nov. 11		28	29	30	31		School Days - 23	
	15	16	17	18	19	Half Day - Nov. 24					,			
	22	23	24	<u>25</u>	<u> 26</u>	Thanksgiving Recess - Nov. 25-26	Apr.	M	T	W	Т	F		
	29	30				School Days - 18						1	Patriots Day – April 18	
								4	5	6	7	8	Good Friday - April 22	
Dec.	Μ	Т	W	Т	F			11	12	13	14	15	Spring Recess - April 18 - 22	
			1	2	3	Jr. High. Early Dis Dec. 2 & 9		<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	School Days - 16	
	6	7	8	9	10			25	26	27	28	29		
	13	14	15	16	17	Winter Recess - Dec. 24 - Jan. 2								
	20	21	22	23	<u>24</u>	School Days - 17	May	М	Т	W	Т	F		
	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>			2	3	4	5	6		
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			-	-		Announcements air on: http://ab.mec.edu		16	17	18	19	20	, ,	
						stations WBZ, WEIM		23	24	25	26	27	School Days - 21	
-	-	_	-	-		ng time.		<u>30</u>	31					
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						':00 AM - No School ALL Schools ALL DAY;	June	M	Т	W	Т	F		
						':15 AM - No School APS, K-6, ALL DAY				1	2	3	Graduation - June 3	
Schoo				_				6	7	8	9	10	Last day - June 15 - 22	
	-			-		Library - 7:30 PM;		13	14	15	16	17	(depending on snow days)	
				-		ibrary - 7:30 PM (exceptions: OctMar. @ Elem.		20	21	22	23	24	School Days - 16	
Schoo	ls). C	heck	post	ings a	as loc	ations may change.		27	28	29	30		Total Days = 180 - 185	



From: **Kristin Grip**

Date: Tue, Oct 6, 2009 at 5:25 PM

Subject: School Calendar To: apsc@acton-ma.gov

Dear School Committee Members,

I've just received a save-the-date postcard for my 25th college reunion next June and wouldn't you know, Acton Public Schools are still in session so I won't be attending.* Hopefully last year's exit date of June 26th will be seen as a blip and not the norm. Nevertheless, it was a big blip that affected camps, summer jobs and family vacations, to name a few. This has me thinking that maybe it's time to take a fresh look at our school calendar.

The three religious holidays (Rosh Hoshana, Yom Kippur and Good Friday) are always the proverbial "third rail" in discussions but there was an article in the *Boston Globe* recently that one of our neighboring communities (Westford, maybe?) has taken them off the calendar. After a first year of griping and complaining, things are fine. Have APS families been asked about their preferences? If it's a relatively small number of families who would be bothered, can accomodations be made? An excused absence for those students, no tests given on that particular day?

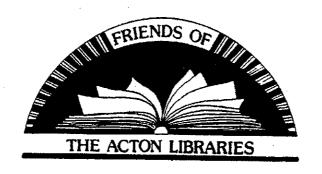
Could the half-day Thursday policy be tightened? Does it need to be every week? Some communities have it every other week, some once a month. Another district, Stow I think, doesn't have a half-day if there's a scheduled day off during the week. For instance, because next Monday is Columbus Day next Thursday would be a full school day. I'm sure there are many other possibilities.

What about combining the two winter breaks into one week off in March? With President's Day, February would become a three day weekend as would April by observing Patriot's Day. Our current two vacation policy is a nightmare for working parents and others needing weekday help with children.

An end-of-school date of somewhere in the early teens of June would be ideal. And with snow days we'd be in the later teens...still ideal! It's my understanding that the committee is entering into negotiations with the teachers union for their upcoming contract. Obviously, any change to the calendar would need joint agreement and wouldn't be immediate, either. So maybe now's the time...change can be a good thing!

Thank you for your time, Kristin Grip

^{*} I'm not sure I'd go, anyway.



November 2, 2009

To the School Committee:

With considerable pride and pleasure, the Friends of the Acton Libraries request your permission to award the following annual gifts to the elementary school libraries:

Gates	\$2,200.00
Conant	\$2,200.00
Merriam	\$2,200.00
McCarthy-Towne	\$2,200.00
Douglas	\$2,200.00

As we do every year, we request that these gifts be used for library purposes only. We hope that books may be bought, but understand that each library may have more pressing needs for equipment, programming, or other items.

You may reply to me at 263-2046; at cdomblewski@gmail.com; or at 10 Thoreau Road, Acton, MA 01720.

Sincerely,

Carol Domblewski, President Friends of the Acton Libraries

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ACTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS & ACTON-BOXBOROUGH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Stephen E. Mills, Ed.D. Superintendent of Schools

Flu Update

November 1, 2009

Dear parents and guardians,

As written by Commissioner Jon Auerbach, Department of Public Health, "the residents of Massachusetts and the nation face the unusual occurrence of two simultaneous types of influenza – both seasonal and H1N1. Fortunately, we have very effective tools to prevent both influenza in the form of safe and reliable vaccines. Unfortunately, neither the seasonal nor the H1N1 vaccines are as available as we would like."

In continued partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH), and the Acton Board of Health, the Acton and Acton-Boxborough Schools continue to take this situation seriously. We know that currently several efforts are being undertaken to ensure that we minimize illness and harm to the public and are grateful for your cooperation. Specifically, we recognize that everyone is taking steps and making the extra effort to become aware of the facts, to practice good health hygiene, and most importantly, to keep children at home when they are sick.

We acknowledge that the vaccine supply situation is complex and confusing. As vaccine supplies arrive in larger quantities, more and more providers will receive vaccine for their patients. It is our understanding that eventually, flu clinics for the general public will begin and we are prepared to support those efforts based on availability and delivery of vaccine. Based on recommendations by the Center for Disease Control (CDC), vaccine is reserved first for people at especially high risk for the flu which includes pregnant women, children, caregivers of infants and healthcare workers.

We in Acton as well as school systems across the Commonwealth have been notified that the Department of Public Health no longer confirms cases of H1N1 or seasonal flu. As such, we are unable to report whether or not a student or staff person is diagnosed with specific H1N1. However, based on the MDPH guidelines (fever, cough, sore throat), our nursing staff are currently screening and tracking for influenza like illness and have appreciated the specific phone messages that have been received by families keeping their children at home. Please be aware that Liza Huber, our Director of Pupil Services and I track attendance patterns daily and thus far, the overall percentage of students out sick in each school remains low.

As a reminder, we continue to follow these steps to help prevent getting or spreading any type of influenza:

- 1. **Become aware of the facts.** We encourage everyone to visit the CDC's new web site at www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidance/ Moreover, the DPH has its own regularly updated blog at www.mass.gov/blog/publichealth.
- 2. **Continue to practice good health hygiene.** Disease transmission can be significantly reduced by taking the following actions:
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based cleaners are also effective.
- Practice good "cough etiquette" by coughing or sneezing into a tissue, or into your elbow instead of into your hands.
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- If you get sick, stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to avoid infecting them.

Please click on the website: www.mass.gov.dph website for the Swine Flu Public Health Fact Sheet and additional information that may be helpful for you and your family.

If you should still have additional questions or concerns, please contact the **Acton Board** of Health at 978-264-9634.

Sincerely,

Stephen Mills

MONTHLY REPORTING OF ELL STUDENT POPULATION

Acton Public Schools November 1, 2009

Category	Total as of 10/1/2009	Additions	Subtractions	Total as of 111/2009
Conant	21	0	0	21
Douglas	22	0	-1	21
McCarthy-Towne	14	+1	0	15
Merriam	25	0	-1	24
APS TOTAL	82	+1	-2	81

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		ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENC/REQ	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
1005 GENERAL FUND SCHOOL								
01 SALARIES, TEACHING		11,589,980	0	11,589,980	2,272,936.12	8,832,592.98	484,450.90	95.8%
02 SALARIES, PRINCIPALS		534,285	0	534,285	183,692.97	349,017.03	1,575.00	99.7%
03 SALARIES, CENTRAL AD		408,505	0	408,505	140,393.71	261,937.53	6,173.76	98.5%
04 SALARIES, SUPP STAFF		2,776,490	0	2,776,490	669,252.50	2,031,965.07	75,272.43	97.3%
06 SALARIES, BUILDINGS		247,342	0	247,342	100,805.49	139,456.00	7,080.51	97.1%
07 SALARIES, CUSTODIAL		671,236	0	671,236	231,129.05	374,077.31	66,029.64	90.2%
08 SALARIES, HOME INSTR		1,051	0	1,051	.00	.00	1,051.00	.0%
09 SALARIES, SUBSTITUTE		266,973	0	266,973	68,722.21	12,941.60	185,309.19	30.6%
10 FRINGES, COURSE REIM		17,000	0	17,000	3,950.00	.00	13,050.00	23.2%
11 FRINGES, HEALTH INSU		3,792,778	0	3,792,778	1,537,774.10	.00	2,255,003.90	40.5%
16 INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLI		239,839	0	239,839	138,078.74	38,727.83	63,032.43	73.7%
17 INSTRUCTIONAL TEXTBO		70,736	0	70,736	59,927.01	6,674.82	4,134.17	94.2%
18 INSTRUCTIONAL, LIBRA		18,347	0	18,347	7,641.26	3,800.97	6,904.77	62.4%
19 OTHER, CAPITAL OUTLA		273,560	0	273,560	215,980.35	48,896.01	8,683.64	96.8%
23 OTHER, MAINTENANCE B		211,468	0	211,468	82,434.95	15,687.58	113,345.47	46.4%
24 OTHER, MAINTENANCE O		97,993	0	97,993	42,181.17	11,757.78	44,054.05	55.0%
26 OTHER, LEGAL SERVICE		65,000	0	65,000	21,534.28	30,415.72	13,050.00	79.9%
27 OTHER, ADMIN SUPPLIE		223,358	0	223,358	74,942.06	14,858.31	133,557.63	40.2%
29 OTHER, CUSTODIAL SUP		45,100	0	45,100	33,092.37	1,476.12	10,531.51	76.6%
30 OTHER, SPED TRANSPOR		526,497	0	526,497	259,061.00	258,998.50	8,437.50	98.4%
31 OTHER, STUDENT TRANS		338,716	0	338,716	221,106.63	7,286.57	110,322.80	67.4%
32 OTHER, TRAVEL		13,340	0	13,340	2,317.19	2,843.75	8,179.06	38.7%
33 OTHER, SPED TUITION/		2,304,524	0	2,304,524	923,130.47	1,553,710.24	-172,316.71	107.5%
34 OTHER, UTILITIES		1,019,664	0	1,019,664	247,880.71	30,443.44	741,339.85	27.3%
57 OTHER		0	0	0	746.56	.00	-746.56	100.0%
TOTAL GENERAL FUND SCHOO	r	25,753,782	0	25,753,782	7,538,710.90	14,027,565.16	4,187,505.94	83.7%
	GRAND TOTAL	25,753,782	0	25,753,782	7,538,710.90	14,027,565.16	4,187,505.94	83.7%

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Note: Circuit Breaker Reimbursement expected to be 40% at \$321,575.

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1005 GENERAL FUND SCHOOL							
2210 SCHOOL BLDG LEADERSHIP							
06041002 51406 PRINCIPAL	106,575	0	106,575	35,862.03	68,137.97	2,575.00	97.6%
06041003 51502 SECRETARY	65,249	0	65,249	17,415.63	47,107.19	726.18	98.9%
06041003 51503 SECRETARY, SUB	525	0	525	.00	.00	525.00	.0%
06100401 52410 DUES & MEMBERSHIPS	466	0	466	490.00	79.00	-103.00	122.1%
06101001 52406 POSTAGE	380	0	380	.00	378.40	1.60	99.6%
06101001 52437 CONTRACT SERVICES	0	0	0	253.33	.00	-253.33	100.0%
06101002 54301 OFFICE SUPPLIES	11,875	0	11,875	6,437.02	657.00	4,780.98	59.7%
TOTAL SCHOOL BLDG LEADERSHIP	185,070	0	185,070	60,458.01	116,359.56	8,252.43	95.5%
2250 BLDG TECHNOLOGY							
06045401 51601 COMPUTER ASSISTANT	14,269	0	14,269	3,754.96	10,513.89	.15	100.0%
06045401 51635 MC WEBSITE/MCAS COOR	1,500	0	1,500	.00	.00	1,500.00	.0%
TOTAL BLDG TECHNOLOGY	15,769	0	15,769	3,754.96	10,513.89	1,500.15	90.5%
2305 TEACHERS CLASSROOM							
06041201 51408 ART TEACHER	49,759	0	49,759	11,847.45	37,911.75	20	100.0%
06041501 51408 MUSIC TEACHER	68,035	0	68,035	13,340.74	56,031.15	-1,336.89	102.0%
06041801 51408 SPED TEACHER	278,571	0	278,571	53,571.35	224,999.65	.00	100.0%
06042101 51408 KINDERGARTEN TEACHER	97,669	0	97,669	20,580.95	72,095.55	4,992.50	94.9%
06045501 51408 READING TEACHER	35,674	0	35,674	8,034.56	34,695.34	-7,055.90	119.8%
06045601 51408 ELEMENTARY ED TEACHE	1,290,633	0	1,290,633	229,365.30	963,333.70	97,934.00	92.4%
TOTAL TEACHERS CLASSROOM	1,820,341	0	1,820,341	336,740.35	1,389,067.14	94,533.51	94.8%
2310 TEACHERS SPECIALISTS							
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06041802 51418 SPEECH TEACHER	72,202	0	72,202	13,885.04	58,317.20	24	100.0%

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AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
24	100.0%
66,149.21	71.2%
-223.22	100.9%
65,925.99	74.2%
5,142.50	35.7%
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-183.88	134.2%
346.19	65.7%
1,372.97	79.4%
1,552.00	52.9%
1,713.27	9.8%
234.28	75.3%
1,380.00	27.4%
6,414.83	60.5%
-4.32	100.7%
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06051802 54333 SPEECH SUPPLIES	442	0	442	233.60	86.48	121.92	72.4%
06081502 54302 EDUCATION SUPPLIES	1,035	0	1,035	200.00	.00	835.00	19.3%
06102301 54302 LANGUAGE ART SUPPLIE	3,800	0	3,800	2,920.39	314.23	565.38	
06102401 54302 MATH SUPPLIES	2,850	0	2,850	1,123.02	365.50	1,361.48	52.2%
06102501 54302 SCIENCE SUPPLIES	3,800	0	3,800	1,654.93	131.60	2,013.47	47.0%
06102601 54302 SOCIAL STUDIES SUPP	4,750	0	4,750	2,417.80	300.00	2,032.20	57.2%
06102801 54302 INDUSTRIAL ARTS SUPP	4,275	0	4,275	2,105.21	78.24	2,091.55	51.1%
06105501 54302 READING SUPPLIES	950	0	950	897.21	14.99	37.80	96.0%
06105601 54302 ELEM ED SUPPLIES	17,020	0	17,020	5,477.48	7,543.63	3,998.89	76.5%
06105701 54329 MEDIA CENTER SUPPLIE	475	0	475	176.21	.00	298.79	
TOTAL OTHER INSTR MATERIALS	39,990	0	39,990	17,638.14	8,999.70	13,352.16	66.6%
2430 GENERAL SUPPLIES							
06091201 54302 EDUCATION SUPPLIES	5,021	0	5,021	664.67	4,138.75	217.58	95.7%
TOTAL GENERAL SUPPLIES	5,021	0	5,021	664.67	4,138.75	217.58	95:7%
2440 OTHER INSTR SERVICES							
06045701 51601 MEDIA ASSISTANT	18,902	0	18,902	3,985.10	14,689.33	227.57	98.8%
TOTAL OTHER INSTR SERVICES	18,902	0	18,902	3,985.10	14,689.33	227.57	98.8%
2451 CLASSROOM INSTR TECHNOLOGY							
06061002 54327 TECHNOLOGY SUPPLIES	1,324	0	7 324	.00	00	1,324.00	.0%
06101011 58703 EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLO	0	0	0	12,500.00		-12,500.00	
TOTAL CLASSROOM INSTR TECHNOLOGY	1,324	0	1,324	12,500.00	.00	-11,176.00	944.1%
2710 GUIDANCE/ADJUST COUNSELORS							
06040401 51423 COUNSELOR	81,338	o.	81,338	19,366.20	61,971.80	.00	100.0%
06051001 54336 COUNSELING SUPPLIES	190	0	190	.00	.00	190.00	.0%

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TOTAL GUIDANCE/ADJUST COUNSELORS	81,528	0	81,528	19,366.20	61,971.80	190.00	99.8%
3200 MEDICAL/HEALTH SVCS							
06043101 51414 NURSE	66,198	0	66,198	12,843.75	53,371.25	-17.00	100.0%
06051002 54303 HEALTH SUPPLIES	534	0	534	.00	534.00		100.0%
TOTAL MEDICAL/HEALTH SVCS	66,732	0	66,732	12,843.75	53,905.25	-17.00	100.0%
3300 TRANSPORTATION SVCS							
06081503 51605 BUS DRIVER	90	o	90	.00	.00	90.00	.0%
06081504 52429 STUDENT TRANSPORTATI	91	0	91	.00	.00	91.00	.0%
TOTAL TRANSPORTATION SVCS	181	o	181	.00	.00	181.00	.0%
3400 FOOD SERVICES							
06041008 51618 MONITOR	14,210	0	14,210	2,686.11	12,444-05	-920.16	106.5%
TOTAL FOOD SERVICES	14,210	0	14,210	2,686.11	12,444.05	-920.16	106.5%
3510 ATHLETICS							
06041601 51408 PHYSICAL ED TEACHER	58,532	0	58,532	13,279.36	45.312.81	60.17	100 18
06101601 54302 PHYSICAL ED SUPPLIES	1,425	o	1,425	469.95	.00		100.1% 33.0%
TOTAL ATHLETICS	59,957	0	59,957	13,749.31	45,312.81	894.88	98.5%
4110 CUSTODIAL SERVICES							
06041301 51604 CUSTODIAN	95,178	0	95,178	29,307.34	57,690.02	8,180.64	91.4%
06041301 51625 CUSTODIAL SUBSTITUTE	12,350	0	12,350	5,708.61	.00	6,641.39	

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06071301 52460 CUSTODIAN CONTRACT S	7 000	0	7 000	2 670 41	.00	E 201 E0	74.08
06071302 54304 CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES	7,880 8,200	0	7,880 8,200	2,678.41 4,854.76			
TOTAL CUSTODIAL SERVICES	123,608	0	123,608	42,549.12	57,904.88	23,154.00	81.3%
4120 HEATING OF BUILDINGS							
06071303 52504 GAS HEAT	45,471	0	45,471	947.13	.00	44,523.87	2.1%
TOTAL HEATING OF BUILDINGS	45,471	0	45,471	947.13	.00	44,523.87	2.1%
4130 UTILITY SERVICES							
06031001 52507 TELEPHONE	4,264	0	4,264	740.79	1,514.21	2,009.00	52.9%
06031001 52512 CELLULAR PHONES	812	0	812	285.16	.00	526.84	35.1%
06071304 52501 ELECTRICITY	163,003	0	163,003	50,176.09	.00	112,826.91	30.8%
06071304 52508 WATER	3,104	0	3,104	471.46	294.44	2,338.10	24.7%
TOTAL UTILITY SERVICES	171,183	0	171,183	51,673.50	1,808.65	117,700.85	31.2%
4210 MAINT OF GROUNDS							
06071309 54308 GROUNDS SUPPLIES	92	0	92	.00	.00	92.00	.0%
TOTAL MAINT OF GROUNDS	92	0	92	.00	.00	92.00	.0%
4220 MAINT OF BUILDINGS							
06071306 52411 HVAC SERVICES	7 325	0	7,325	535.24	2,177.29	4 610 47	37.09
06071306 52411 NVAC SERVICES 06071306 52414 FAC PREVENT MNT	7,325 13,423	0	13,423	5,384.94	498.84	4,612.47 7,539.22	37.0% 43.8%
06071307 54308 BUILDINGS SUPPLIES	1,999	0	1,999	2,305.43	78.13	-384.56	
TOTAL MAINT OF BUILDINGS	22,747	0	22,747	8,225.61	2,754.26	11,767.13	48.3%
4225 BLDG SECURITY SYSTEMS							
06041302 51620 SECURITY OT	6,300	o	6,300	1,531.67	.00	4,768.33	

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TOTAL BLDG SECURITY SYSTEMS	6,300	o	6,300	1,531.67	.00	4,768.33	24.3%
4230 MAINT OF EQUIPMENT							
06031002 52510 TELEPHONE MAINTENANC 06081505 52415 EQUIPMENT MAINTENANC	3,468	0	3,468	62.50	.00	3,405.50	1.8%
06101008 52415 EQUIPMENT MAINTENANC	409 4,275	0 0	409 4,275	431.00 1,468.47	.00 2,721.60	-22.00 84.93	105.4% 98.0%
TOTAL MAINT OF EQUIPMENT	8,152	0	8,152	1,961.97	2,721.60	3,468.43	57.5%
4450 TECHNOLOGY MAINTENANCE							
06061004 52415 EQUIPMENT MAINTENANC	3,689	0	3,689	.00	.00	3,689.00	.0%
TOTAL TECHNOLOGY MAINTENANCE	3,689	0	3,689	.00	.00	3,689.00	.0%
7100 PURCHASE OF LAND							
06071001 58710 OUTLAY GROUNDS	1,948	0	1,948	976.46	961.80	9.74	99.5%
TOTAL PURCHASE OF LAND	1,948	0	1,948	976.46	961.80	9.74	99.5%
7200 PURCHASE OF BUILDINGS							
06071002 58710 OUTLAY BUILDINGS	3,114	0	3,114	.00	4,135.00	-1,021.00	132.8%
TOTAL PURCHASE OF BUILDINGS	3,114	0	3,114	.00	4,135.00	-1,021.00	132.8%
7400 REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT							
06101010 58712 OUTLAY/REPLC EQUIP	0	0	0	1,916.95	.00	-1,916.95	100.0%
TOTAL REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT	0	0	0	1,916.95	.00	-1,916.95	100.0%

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	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	enc/req	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
TOTAL GENERAL FUND SCHOOL	3,047,790	0	3,047,790	657,090.04	1,999,460.36	391,239.60	87.2%
TOTAL EXPENSES	3,047,790	o	3,047,790	657,090.04	1,999,460.36	391,239.60	
GRAND TOTAL	3,047,790	0	3,047,790	657,090.04	1,999,460.36	391,239.60	87.2%

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	ORIGINAL	TRANFRS/	REVISED			AVAILABLE	PCT
	APPROP	ADJSTMTS	BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENC/REQ	BUDGET	USED
1005 GENERAL FUND SCHOOL							
TOOS GENERAL FOND SCHOOL							
05 SW SPECIAL EDUCATION							
05010501 52401 SPED LEGAL SERVICES	45,000	0	45,000	12,084.28	30,415.72	2,500.00	94.4%
11040501 51502 PS:SECRETARY	47,020	0	47,020	16,029.38	30,826.44	164.18	99.7%
14040501 51411 SPED CHAIRPERSON	88,013	0	88,013	26,309.45	62,593.55	-890.00	
14050503 51433 SUMMER PROGRAM STIPE	40,000	0	40,000	55,732.28	.00	-15,732.28	
14050504 51615 SUMMER SPED ASST	20,000	20,000	40,000	35,729.32	.00	4,270.68	89.3%
14050509 54305 SPED TEXTBOOKS	2,444	0	2,444	3,265.05	.00	-821.05	
14050510 54302 OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	847	0	847	494.89	378,00	-25.89	
14050511 52409 IN SERVICE CONFERENC	1,188	0	1,188	285.00	.00	903.00	24.0%
14050520 51409 REFERRAL TO SPECIALI	0	0	0	4,669.06	4,294.18	-8,963.24	
14050521 52443 SPED REFERRAL TO SPE	118,130	0	118,130	34,996.05	51,709.43	31,424.52	73.4%
14050521 52452 SUMMER PROGRAM, CS	65,000	-20,000	45,000	14,333.75	30,952.00	-285.75	
14050522 52462 PS SEC 504 CONTR SVC	1,025	. 0	1,025	.00	.00	1,025.00	.0%
14050524 51419 COORDINATOR	27,571	0	27,571	9,346.05	17,757.45	467.50	
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TOTAL SW SPECIAL EDUCATION	456,238	0	456,238	213,274.56	228,926.77	14,036.67	96.9%
18 SPECIAL EDUCATION							
05051801 52416 SPED INDEP EVALUATIO	4,990	0	4 000	00	00	4 000 00	20
05051802 52404 SPED PERIODICALS/SUB	808	0	4,990	.00	.00	4,990.00	.0%
05051802 52404 SPED POSTAGE	2,695	0	808	169.40	539.00	99.60	87.7%
05051802 52400 SPED FOSTAGE 05051802 52407 SPED INSVC CONFERENC	352	0	2,695	2,768.00	.00	-73.00	
05051802 52408 SPED TRAVEL - LOCAL	181	0	352	225.00	.00	127.00	63.9%
05051802 52400 SPED DUES & FEES	305	0	181	.00	.00	181.00	.0%
05051802 52410 SPED BOES & FEES 05051802 52455 SPED MNT COPY EQUIP			305	348.57	.00		114.3%
05051802 52456 SPED MNT OFFICE EQUI	3,475 283	0 0	3,475	3,230.55	2,528.21	-2,283.76	
05051803 54301 SPED OFFICE SUPPLIES			283	.00	.00	283.00	.0%
05051804 58708 SPED OUTLAY EQUIP	3,507 10,979	0	3,507	1,652.22	1,856.93		100.1%
	•	0	10,979	9,951.69	8,697.99	-7,670.68	
05051805 52424 MEDICAID SERVICES 05051806 52413 SPED MEDICAL SERVICE	1,072	0	1,072	197.84	.00	874.16	18.5%
	2,496	0	2,496	.00	.00	2,496.00	.0%
05051807 52425 SPED TUITION - CASE	645,131	0	645,131	349,656.00	.00	295,475.00	54.2%
05051808 52426 SPED TUITION PRIVATE	1,278,435	0	1,278,435	323,544.91	995,748.50	-40,858.41	
05051808 52465 CIRCUIT BREAKER TUIT	-500,738	0	-500,738	.00	.00	-500,738.00	.0%
05051809 51614 SPED TRANSP ASST	5,000	0	5,000	62.50	.00	4,937.50	1.3%
05051809 51627 SPED DRIVERS	3,500	0	3,500	.00	.00	3,500.00	.0%

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	APPROP	ADJSTMTS	BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENC/REQ	BUDGET	USED
05051810 52430 CO: SPED CASE TRANSP	517,997	0	517,997	258,998.50	258,998.50	.00	100.0%
06041801 51408 SPED TEACHER	278,571	0	278,571	53,571.35	224,999.65		100.0%
06041802 51418 SPEECH TEACHER	72,202	0	72,202	13,885.04	58,317.20		100.0%
06041803 51624 SPED EDUCATION ASST	229,855	0	229,855	34,004.26	129,701.53	66,149.21	71.2%
06051801 54305 RES TEXTBOOKS	537	0	537	720.88	.00	-183.88	134.2%
06051802 54332 EDUC NEEDS SUPPLIES	593	0	593	432.29	165.03	-4.32	100.7%
06051802 54333 SPEECH SUPPLIES	442	0	442	233.60	86.48	121.92	72.4%
07041801 51408 SPED TEACHER	154,147	0	154,147	33,045.70	121,101.30	.00	100.0%
07041802 51418 SPEECH TEACHER	86,723	0	86,723	17,271.15	72,538.85	-3,087.00	103.6%
07041803 51624 SPED EDUCATION ASST	68,272	0	68,272	12,774.59	48,070.87	7,426.54	89.1%
07051801 54305 RES TEXTBOOKS	537	0	537	425,96	.00	111.04	79.3%
07051801 54334 EDUC NEEDS TEXTS	0	0	0	341.78	.00	-341.78	100.0%
07051802 54332 EDUC NEEDS SUPPLIES	593	0	593	678.68	.00	-85.68	114.4%
07051802 S4333 SPEECH SUPPLIES	436	0	436	598.76	.00	-162.76	137.3%
08041801 51408 SPED TEACHER	230,758	0	230,758	38,110.43	160,063.60	32,583.97	85.9%
08041802 51418 SPEECH TEACHER	86,218	0	86,218	16,580.40	69,637.60	.00	100.0%
08041803 51624 SPED EDUCATION ASST	114,698	0	114,698	23,904.33	85,955.51	4,838.16	95.8%
08051801 54305 RES TEXTBOOKS	537	0	537	405.95	.00	131.05	75.6%
08051802 S4332 EDUC NEEDS SUPPLIES	494	0	494	528.44	.00		107.0%
08051802 54333 SPEECH SUPPLIES	442	0	442	532.10	.00	-90.10	120.4%
09041801 51408 SPED TEACHER	249,070	0	249,070	48,376.55	203,181.45	-2,488.00	101.0%
09041802 51418 SPEECH TEACHER	85,341	0	85,341	17,253.50	69,126.10	•	101.2%
09041803 51624 SPED EDUCATION ASST	56,005	0	56,005	12,389.60	47,697.57	-4,082.17	
09051801 54334 EDUC NEEDS TEXTS	641	0	641	662.91	.00	•	103.4%
09051802 54330 RESOURCE SUPPLIES	494	0	494	425.91	.00	68.09	86.2%
09051802 54333 SPEECH SUPPLIES	442	٥	442	477.26	.00		108.0%
10041801 51408 SPED TEACHER	285,529	0	285,529	54,909.40	230,619.60	.00	100.0%
10041802 51418 SPEECH TEACHER	75,295	0	75,295	14,479.80	60,815.20	.00	100.0%
10041803 51624 SPED EDUCATION ASST	150,574	0	150,574	40,602.90	146,255.92	-36,284.82	124.1%
10051801 54334 EDUC NEEDS TEXTS	641	0	641	625.79	.00	15.21	97.6%
10051802 54332 EDUC NEEDS SUPPLIES	589	0	589	1,490.82	.00	-901.82	253.1%
10051802 54333 SPEECH SUPPLIES	442	0	442	478.90	.00	-36.90	108.3%
14041801 51416 SPED OCCUP THERAPIST	205,399	0	205,399	40,415.10	167,435.82	-2,451.92	101.2%
14041801 51417 PHYSICAL THERAPIST	74,398	0	74,398	14,307.45	60,090.80		100.0%
14051801 51407 HOME INSTRUCT TEACHE	1,051	0	1,051	.00	.00	1,051.00	.0%
14051803 54338 SPED EDUC SUPPLIES	3,200	0	3,200	3,089.99	1,132.60	-1,022.59	132.0%
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION	4,495,634	0	4,495,634	1,448,836.75	3,225,361.81	-178,564.56	104.0%
51 AUTISTIC SERVICES							
14055101 51436 AUTISTIC COORDINATOR	63,833	0	63,833	12,069.00	22,931.00	28,833.00	54.8%

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14055102 51616 TRAINER 14055103 52463 AUTISTIC CONTRACT SE	658,220 0	0	658,220 0	113,481.32	486,321.29 .00	58,417.39 -1,140.00	91.1% 100.0%
TOTAL AUTISTIC SERVICES	722,053	0	722,053	126,690.32	509,252.29	86,110.39	88.1%
TOTAL GENERAL FUND SCHOOL	5,673,925	0	5,673,925	1,788,801.63	3,963,540.87	-78,417.50	101.4%
TOTAL EXPENSES	5,673,925	0	5,673,925	1,788,801.63	3,963,540.87	-78,417.50	
GRAND TOTAL	5,673,925	0	5,673,925	1,788,801.63	3,963,540.87	-78,417.50	101.4%

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Note: Circuit Breaker Reimbursement expected to be 40% at \$321,575.

Office of the Superintendent

Acton Public Schools Acton-Boxborough Regional Schools 978-264-4700 x 3211 ab.mec.edu

TO: All Schools

FROM: Steve Mills

DATE: October 30, 2009

RE: Dismissal Schedule for November 25, 2009

On Wednesday, November 25, the day before Thanksgiving, dismissal times for the schools will be as follows:

Junior High: 11:06 a.m.

Senior High: 11:18 a.m.

Conant/McT/Merriam 12:15 p.m.

Douglas/Gates 1:00 p.m.

Please note: Elementary dismissal follows the usual Thursday schedule.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR HEALTH MEETING (Health SAC)

November 18, 2009 7:30 p.m. R.J. Grey Junior High School Library

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome/Introductions
- 2. Health Curriculum Initiatives/Updates Susan Horn
 - Acton Public Schools (APS)
 - √ P.E. Nights Overview and Updates— Jill Reed
 - √ Health Updates Eileen Sullivan
 - Acton-Boxborough Schools (RJGrey/ABRHS)
 - √ Curriculum Updates Beth Viscardis/Eileen Flannery/Tom Kamataris
 - √ Health Fair Eileen Flannery/Tom Kamataris
 - √ Project Wellness Jan Couch
 - Districtwide APS and AB
 - √ YRBS Carolyn Imperato
- 3. Wellness Policy Update *Liza Huber*
- 4. Community Alliance for Youth (CAFY) *CAFY Representative* Update/Activities
- 5. School Physicians
- 6. Community Reports
 - Board of Health
 - Clergy
- 7. Public Participation

Measuring growth in student performance on MCAS:

The Growth Model

Fall 2009

Susan Horn
Assistant Superintendent
Acton/Acton-Boxborough
School Districts

*Adapted from the DESE presentation

What is growth and why measure it?

- MCAS shows how each student is achieving relative to state standards
- Growth measures change in an individual student's performance over time

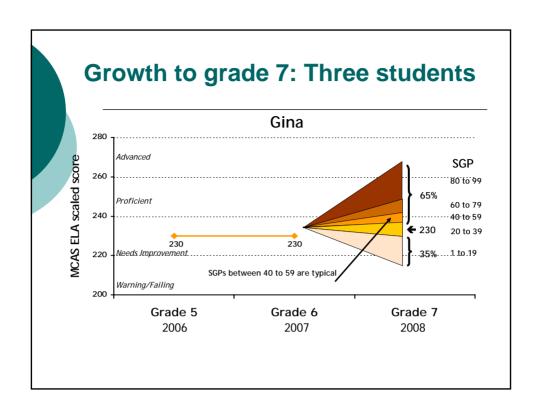
Uses of growth data

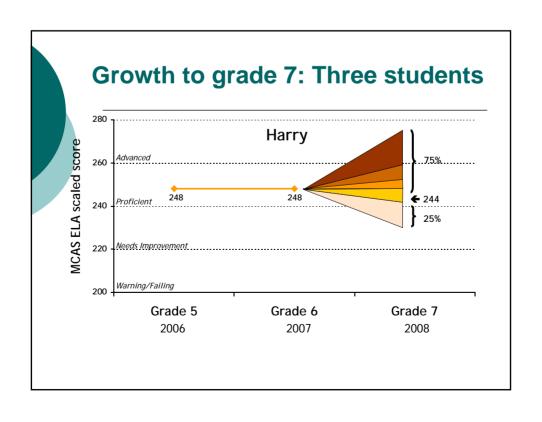
Reconceptualizing performance

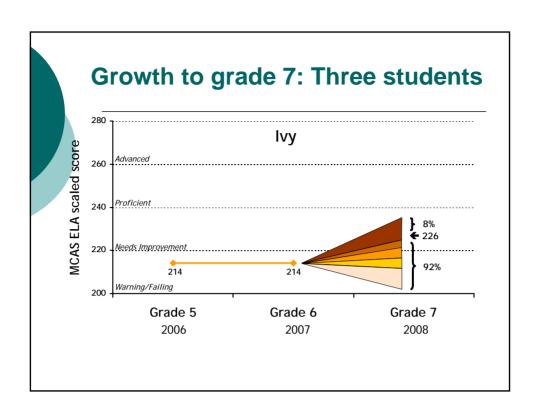
Performance = achievement + growth

Student growth percentiles

- Each student's rate of change is compared to other students with a similar test score history ("academic peers")
- The rate of change is expressed as a percentile.



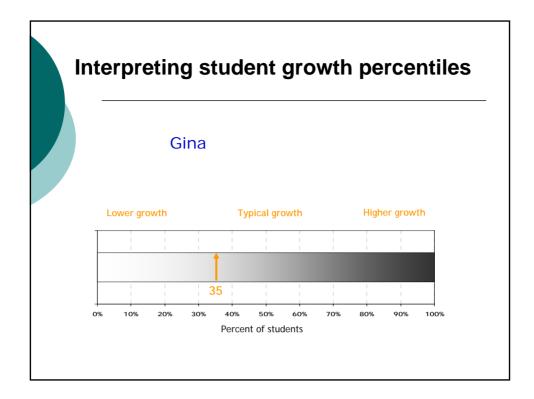




Growth to grade 7: Three students

English Language Arts

	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	SGP
	2006	2007	2008	2008
Gina	230	230	230	35
Harry	248	248	244	25
Ivy	214	214	226	92



Key Concepts

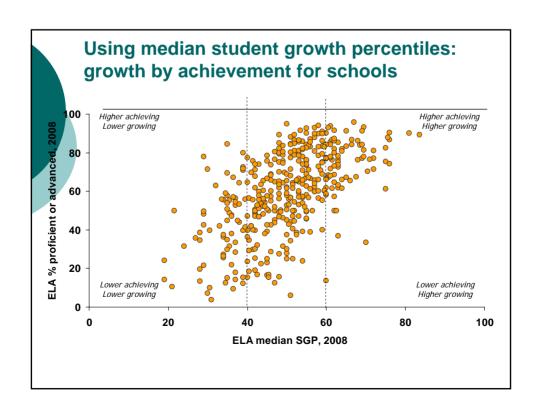
- Growth is <u>distinct from achievement</u>
- Each student is compared only to their <u>academic peers</u>, not to all students statewide
- Growth is <u>subject-, grade-, and</u> <u>year-specific</u>
- The percentile is calculated on the <u>change in achievement</u>, not the absolute level

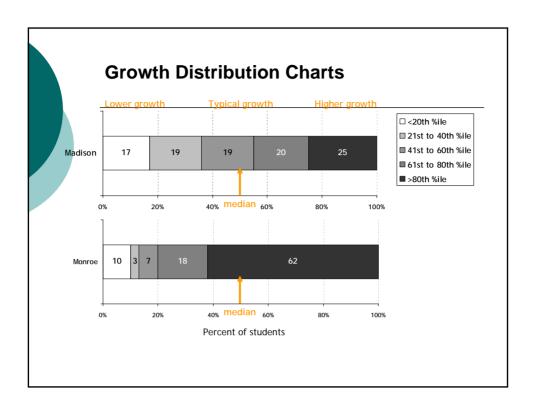
Median Student Growth Percentile

Last name	SGP
Lennon	6
McCartney	12
Starr	21
Harrison	32
Jagger	34
Richards	47
Crosby	55
Stills	61
Nash	63
Young	74
Joplin	81
Hendrix	88
Jones	95

Imagine that the list of students to the left are all the students in your 6th grade class. Note that they are sorted from lowest to highest SGP.

Median SGP for the 6th grade class





Rules of Thumb and Next Steps

- Typical student growth percentiles are between about 40 and 60 on most tests.
- Students or groups outside this range have exceptionally high or low growth.
- Differences of fewer than 10 SGP points are likely not educationally meaningful.

From: **Terra Friedrichs** <terraf@compuserve.com>

Date: Thu, Nov 12, 2009 at 4:52 PM Subject: Re: School building question

To: p.knibbe@comcast.net, ssmcmanus@rcn.com, xuankongsc@gmail.com

Thanks, Paulina...

Since our Master Planning exercise is supposed to cover 10 years, I would hope that we can think in terms of 10 years. It's not easy, since we don't know for sure how many students would come in to what schools in any particular year. But I think we can at least estimate some ranges and apply them to historical growth patterns, and figure out how much more growth we can "comfortably" accommodate, and estimate how many years at x growth rate we would stay in that "comfort zone".

That might be the first "swag" at an estimate. And then we could have a variety of methods where we can get more granular, if we want.

Of course, I think we should also be thinking about whether we want to build another school, or whether we want to take action to try and stay within current capacity limits. But at the very least, while we mull over longer term strategic questions, if we can at least get an idea of "how many years" we "have left" within our current building capacity, I think that would help our "land use planning" and policy decisions...

Terra

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----Original Message----

From: Paulina Knibbe <p.knibbe@comcast.net>

To: Sharon Smith McManus <ssmcmanus@rcn.com>; Xuan Kong <xuankongsc@gmail.com>

Cc: terraf <terraf@compuserve.com> Sent: Thu, Nov 12, 2009 2:16 pm Subject: School building question

Hi, Sharon and Xuan.

At the last BoS meeting, Terra expressed concern about the continued growth in the school population and asked me to ask the school committee if there is any expectation of building another school in the near term future?

Paulina