

Office of the Superintendent
Acton Public Schools
Acton-Boxborough Regional School District
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TO: Acton Public School Committee Members
FROM: Stephen Mills
ON: March 18, 2010
RE: **ADDENDUM**

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. ALG Report
 - c. ALG Spreadsheet for Town Meeting Warrant
5. Conant Principal Search Update – *Marie Altieri*

VII. NEW BUSINESS

2. Kindergarten Enrollment
 - a. Update on FY10-11 Kindergarten Enrollment – *Marie Altieri*
 - b. Discussion of Early Acceptance Policy for Kindergarten – *Steve Mills*
 - iii. Memo from Liza Huber

VIII. FOR YOUR INFORMATION

1. Monthly APS Financial Reports
 - b. Budget Status Summary – SPED
2. March 1, 2010 Student Enrollment Numbers/Class size Info
8. *Board-A-Palooza*, West Acton Boardwalk Music Festival and Fundraiser, June 12th, 10am-8pm
9. No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Report Card 2009-2010
See <http://ab.mec.edu/curriculum/reportcard>

| | A | B | C | D | E | F |
|----|--|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1 | Acton Leadership Group - 03/12/2010 | | | | | |
| 2 | | 5% Cut in FY '11 House 2 State Aid; 2% Budget Increase in FY12 FY13 | | | | |
| 3 | Multi-Year Model | | | | | |
| 5 | Revenues: | FY09 | FY10 | FY11 | FY12 | FY13 |
| 6 | Tax Levy: | | Town Meeting | | | |
| 7 | Base | \$ 56,521 | \$ 58,969 | \$ 61,044 | \$ 62,783 | \$ 64,852 |
| 8 | 2 1/2% | \$ 1,413 | \$ 1,474 | \$ 1,239 | \$ 1,570 | \$ 1,621 |
| 9 | New Growth | \$ 1,035 | \$ 600 | \$ 500 | \$ 500 | \$ 500 |
| 10 | Debt Excl. | \$ 3,102 | \$ 3,064 | \$ 3,098 | \$ 3,071 | \$ 3,020 |
| 11 | Overlay | \$ (846) | \$ (850) | \$ (600) | \$ (600) | \$ (600) |
| 12 | Total Tax Levy (excl. current yr. override) | \$ 61,226 | \$ 63,258 | \$ 65,281 | \$ 67,323 | \$ 69,394 |
| 13 | Cherry Sheet | \$ 6,851 | \$ 6,641 | \$ 6,320 | \$ 6,320 | \$ 6,320 |
| 14 | SBAB - Twin School | \$ 1,066 | \$ 1,009 | \$ 1,009 | \$ 1,009 | \$ 1,009 |
| 15 | Excise Taxes | \$ 2,520 | \$ 2,730 | \$ 2,595 | \$ 2,595 | \$ 2,595 |
| 16 | Fees | \$ 833 | \$ 1,080 | \$ 940 | \$ 940 | \$ 940 |
| 17 | Int. Income | \$ 278 | \$ 400 | \$ 300 | \$ 300 | \$ 300 |
| 18 | Regional Revenue | \$ 5,787 | \$ 5,817 | \$ 5,772 | \$ 5,772 | \$ 5,772 |
| 19 | Regional E&D Acton's share | \$ 511 | \$ 355 | \$ 555 | \$ 331 | \$ 331 |
| 20 | Free Cash | \$ 450 | \$ 1,142 | \$ 856 | \$ 526 | \$ 49 |
| 21 | NESWC for capital | \$ 750 | \$ 455 | \$ 808 | \$ 900 | \$ 900 |
| 22 | Revenues before Overrides | \$ 80,292 | \$ 82,887 | \$ 84,436 | \$ 86,016 | \$ 87,610 |
| 23 | Revenue incl override excluding debt/SBAB | \$ 76,103 | \$ 78,814 | \$ 80,329 | \$ 81,936 | \$ 83,581 |
| 25 | Debt Exclusion: | | | | | |
| 26 | Debt on APS | \$ 527 | \$ 607 | \$ 619 | \$ 611 | \$ 615 |
| 27 | Debt on JHS/SHS | \$ 1,612 | \$ 1,516 | \$ 1,593 | \$ 1,593 | \$ 1,593 |
| 28 | Municipal Debt Incurred | \$ 454 | \$ 412 | \$ 394 | \$ 384 | \$ 339 |
| 29 | Debt on Police station | \$ 509 | \$ 501 | \$ 492 | \$ 483 | \$ 473 |
| 30 | Total Debt Exclusions | \$ 3,102 | \$ 3,036 | \$ 3,098 | \$ 3,071 | \$ 3,020 |
| 32 | Budgets Excluding Debt: | | | | | |
| 34 | Municipal Operating Budget | \$ 23,614 | \$ 24,276 | \$ 24,545 | \$ 25,036 | \$ 25,537 |
| 35 | Transfer to Muni for APS Debt | \$ 128 | | \$ 309 | \$ 309 | \$ 309 |
| 36 | Transfer to Muni for COPS | \$ 68 | | \$ 70 | \$ 70 | \$ 70 |
| 37 | Total Municipal Allocation | \$ 23,810 | | \$ 24,924 | \$ 25,415 | \$ 25,916 |
| 38 | Municipal Share Percentage | 30.70% | 30.60% | 30.56% | 30.56% | 30.55% |
| 40 | APS Allocation | \$ 25,170 | \$ 25,754 | \$ 26,289 | \$ 26,815 | \$ 27,351 |
| 41 | Transfer from APS to Muni for Debt | \$ 128 | | \$ 309 | \$ 309 | \$ 309 |
| 42 | Transfer from APS to Muni for COPS | \$ 68 | | \$ 70 | \$ 70 | \$ 70 |
| 43 | APS Operating Budget | \$ 24,974 | | \$ 25,910 | \$ 26,436 | \$ 26,972 |
| 45 | ABRSD Budget - Acton Share * | \$ 27,374 | \$ 28,073 | \$ 28,849 | \$ 29,426 | \$ 30,014 |
| 46 | MM Assumption | \$ 771 | \$ 711 | \$ 646 | \$ 659 | \$ 672 |
| 47 | Subtotal schools | \$ 53,119 | \$ 54,538 | \$ 55,405 | \$ 56,521 | \$ 57,659 |
| 48 | Minuteman Capital Feasibility Study | | | \$ 1 | \$ 1 | \$ 6 |
| 49 | TOTAL | \$ 76,929 | \$ 78,814 | \$ 80,329 | \$ 81,937 | \$ 83,580 |
| 50 | % increase | 6.5% | 2.5% | 1.9% | 2.0% | 2.0% |
| 51 | NET POSITION | \$ (826) | \$ (0) | \$ (0) | \$ (0) | \$ 0 |
| 53 | Total Use of Reserves | \$ 1,711 | \$ 1,952 | \$ 2,219 | \$ 1,757 | \$ 1,280 |
| 55 | Reserves: | | | | | |
| 56 | Free Cash | \$ 2,455 | \$ 2,334 | \$ 3,466 | \$ 3,190 | \$ 3,391 |
| 57 | NESWC | \$ 4,469 | \$ 4,014 | \$ 3,206 | \$ 2,308 | \$ 1,406 |
| 58 | E&D | \$ 971 | \$ 1,183 | \$ 1,256 | \$ 1,075 | \$ 894 |
| 60 | TOTAL REMAINING RESERVES | \$ 7,895 | \$ 7,531 | \$ 7,928 | \$ 6,571 | \$ 5,691 |
| 62 | Tax Impact: | | | | | |
| 63 | Existing Valuation ('000s) | \$ 3,751,255 | \$ 3,741,421 | \$ 3,741,421 | \$ 3,770,602 | \$ 3,799,219 |
| 64 | New Growth value ('000s) | | | \$ 29,181 | \$ 28,617 | \$ 27,967 |
| 65 | Total Valuation ('000s) | \$ 3,751,255 | \$ 3,741,421 | \$ 3,770,602 | \$ 3,799,219 | \$ 3,827,186 |
| 66 | Tax Rate | \$ 16.53 | \$ 17.13 | \$ 17.47 | \$ 17.88 | \$ 18.29 |
| 68 | SF Value | \$ 507,466 | \$ 512,103 | \$ 512,103 | \$ 512,103 | \$ 512,103 |
| 69 | SF Tax Bill | \$ 8,368 | \$ 8,775 | \$ 8,948 | \$ 9,155 | \$ 9,366 |
| 70 | % Change | 4.19% | 4.60% | 1.97% | 2.32% | 2.29% |
| 71 | \$ Change | \$ 337 | \$ 386 | \$ 173 | \$ 208 | \$ 210 |
| 74 | The FY '09 Turnbacks are \$749K from the Municipal Budget; \$400K APS budget; and \$525K from the Regional Budget (Acton S | | | | | |
| 75 | The AB Regional Budget was decreased by \$494K (\$390 Acton Dollars) on 10/1/09 to balance FY '10 Revenues. | | | | | |

Dropped FY08, FY10 post-TM, FY11 earlier ALG

Took out line for "Free Cash for Prior Muni Contracts"

FY12 and FY13 are less than before because we reduced the tax increase in FY11, by \$287K.

FY11 - reduced amount of increase by \$287K; Will need to decide later whether to pick up extra in FY12?

New debt exclusion numbers used

FY11 - added \$56K from old article to "use of free cash"

RESERVES - FY10, used the \$2334 from deleted FY10 column (which ties out to Certified Free cash). FY11, added in FY10 amount, less uses in FY11 (line 20) + 1275 Overlay surplus + 463 net old warrant articles (not including intended uses of 56K + 209K)

USE OF FREE CASH in FY12, FY13 - Zeroed out net position by reducing use of free cash.

FY10, used the \$1183 from deleted FY10 column (which ties out to Acton's share of certified E&D). FY11, added in FY10 amount, less uses in FY11 (line 19) + 478 for Acton's share of one-time transportation change.

Increased each of the 4 budgets (Muni, APS, AB, MM) by 2%. Problem is that it keeps the Muni share at 30.56%, which is where things ended up in FY11 because of one-time shifts. Will need to revisit this in a future ALG regarding how to readjust any percentage increase in budgets so that Muni gets at least 30.7 percent share as shown in FY09.

03/11/2010 11:19 | TOWN OF ACTON / ACTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
 dkelly | FY '10 SPED PROGRAMS

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| | ORIGINAL APPROP | TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS | REVISED BUDGET | YTD EXPENDED | ENC/REQ | AVAILABLE BUDGET | PCT USED |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------|------------|---------------------|-------------|
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| 1005 GENERAL FUND SCHOOL | | | | | | | |
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| 05 SW SPECIAL EDUCATION | | | | | | | |
| ----- | | | | | | | |
| 05010501 52401 SPED LEGAL SERVICES | 45,000 | 0 | 45,000 | 20,380.49 | 22,119.51 | 2,500.00 | 94.4% |
| 11040501 51502 PS:SECRETARY | 47,020 | 0 | 47,020 | 32,062.26 | 14,793.53 | 164.21 | 99.7% |
| 14040501 51411 SPED CHAIRPERSON | 88,013 | 0 | 88,013 | 62,738.03 | 28,333.34 | -3,058.37 | 103.5%* |
| 14040524 51419 COORDINATOR | 27,571 | 0 | 27,571 | 18,692.10 | 8,411.40 | 467.50 | 98.3% |
| 14050503 51433 SUMMER PROGRAM STIPE | 40,000 | 4,270 | 44,270 | 55,732.28 | .00 | -11,462.28 | 125.9%* |
| 14050504 51615 SUMMER SPED ASST | 20,000 | 15,730 | 35,730 | 36,104.32 | .00 | -374.32 | 101.0%* |
| 14050509 54305 SPED TEXTBOOKS | 2,444 | 0 | 2,444 | 3,265.05 | .00 | -821.05 | 133.6%* |
| 14050510 54302 OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY | 847 | 0 | 847 | 865.09 | .00 | -18.09 | 102.1%* |
| 14050511 52409 IN SERVICE CONFERENC | 1,188 | 0 | 1,188 | 385.00 | .00 | 803.00 | 32.4% |
| 14050517 58708 INSTRUCTIONAL EQUIPM | 0 | 0 | 0 | 409.36 | .00 | -409.36 | 100.0%* |
| 14050520 51409 REFERRAL TO SPECIALI | 0 | 8,686 | 8,686 | 27,013.53 | 1,000.00 | -19,327.92 | 322.5%* |
| 14050521 52443 SPED REFERRAL TO SPE | 118,130 | -8,686 | 109,444 | 98,406.17 | 48,321.18 | -37,282.96 | 134.1%* |
| 14050521 52452 SUMMER PROGRAM, CS | 65,000 | -20,000 | 45,000 | 14,333.75 | .00 | 30,666.25 | 31.9% |
| 14050522 52462 PS SEC 504 CONTR SVC | 1,025 | 0 | 1,025 | .00 | .00 | 1,025.00 | .0% |
| TOTAL SW SPECIAL EDUCATION | 456,238 | 0 | 456,238 | 370,387.43 | 122,978.96 | -37,128.39 | 108.1% |
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| 18 SPECIAL EDUCATION | | | | | | | |
| ----- | | | | | | | |
| 05051801 52416 SPED INDEP EVALUATIO | 4,990 | 0 | 4,990 | .00 | 1,738.56 | 3,251.44 | 34.8% |
| 05051802 52404 SPED PERIODICALS/SUB | 808 | 0 | 808 | 834.92 | .00 | -26.92 | 103.3%* |
| 05051802 52406 SPED POSTAGE | 2,695 | 0 | 2,695 | 2,768.00 | 1,200.00 | -1,273.00 | 147.2%* |
| 05051802 52407 SPED INSVC CONFERENC | 352 | 0 | 352 | 225.00 | .00 | 127.00 | 63.9% |
| 05051802 52408 SPED TRAVEL - LOCAL | 181 | 0 | 181 | 47.50 | .00 | 133.50 | 26.2% |
| 05051802 52410 SPED DUES & FEES | 305 | 0 | 305 | 348.57 | 110.50 | -154.07 | 150.5%* |
| 05051802 52455 SPED MNT COPY EQUIP | 3,475 | 0 | 3,475 | 6,118.27 | 1,640.49 | -4,283.76 | 223.3%* |
| 05051802 52456 SPED MNT OFFICE EQUI | 283 | 0 | 283 | .00 | 18.00 | 265.00 | 6.4% |
| 05051803 54301 SPED OFFICE SUPPLIES | 3,507 | 0 | 3,507 | 3,318.06 | 491.63 | -302.69 | 108.6% |
| 05051804 58708 SPED OUTLAY EQUIP | 10,979 | 0 | 10,979 | 19,685.97 | .00 | -8,706.97 | 179.3%* |
| 05051805 52424 MEDICAID SERVICES | 1,072 | 0 | 1,072 | 197.84 | .00 | 874.16 | 18.5% |
| 05051806 52413 SPED MEDICAL SERVICE | 2,496 | 0 | 2,496 | 2,992.50 | .00 | -496.50 | 119.9%* |
| 05051807 52425 SPED TUITION - CASE | 645,131 | 0 | 645,131 | 672,112.00 | .00 | -26,981.00 | 104.2%* |
| 05051808 52426 SPED TUITION PRIVATE | 1,278,435 | -339,949 | 938,486 | 497,447.76 | 559,728.31 | -118,690.07 | 112.6%* |
| 05051808 52465 CIRCUIT BREAKER TUIT | -500,738 | 339,949 | -160,789 | .00 | .00 | -160,789.00 | .0%* |
| 05051809 51614 SPED TRANSP ASST | 5,000 | 0 | 5,000 | 62.50 | .00 | 4,937.50 | 1.3% |

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| 05051809 51627 SPED DRIVERS | 3,500 | 0 | 3,500 | .00 | .00 | 3,500.00 | .0% |
| 05051810 52430 CO: SPED CASE TRANSP | 517,997 | 0 | 517,997 | 517,997.00 | .00 | .00 | 100.0% |
| 06041801 51408 SPED TEACHER | 278,571 | 0 | 278,571 | 149,999.78 | 128,571.22 | .00 | 100.0% |
| 06041802 51418 SPEECH TEACHER | 72,202 | 0 | 72,202 | 38,878.11 | 33,324.11 | -.22 | 100.0%* |
| 06041803 51624 SPED EDUCATION ASST | 229,855 | 0 | 229,855 | 105,574.79 | 75,269.39 | 49,010.82 | 78.7% |
| 06051801 54305 RES TEXTBOOKS | 537 | 0 | 537 | 720.88 | .00 | -183.88 | 134.2%* |
| 06051802 54332 EDUC NEEDS SUPPLIES | 593 | 0 | 593 | 597.32 | .00 | -4.32 | 100.7%* |
| 06051802 54333 SPEECH SUPPLIES | 442 | 0 | 442 | 341.51 | .00 | 100.49 | 77.3% |
| 07041801 51408 SPED TEACHER | 154,147 | 0 | 154,147 | 92,527.96 | 61,619.04 | .00 | 100.0% |
| 07041802 51418 SPEECH TEACHER | 86,723 | 0 | 86,723 | 48,359.22 | 41,450.78 | -3,087.00 | 103.6%* |
| 07041803 51624 SPED EDUCATION ASST | 68,272 | 0 | 68,272 | 37,729.66 | 23,115.80 | 7,426.54 | 89.1% |
| 07051801 54305 RES TEXTBOOKS | 537 | 0 | 537 | 425.96 | 68.95 | 42.09 | 92.2% |
| 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 54333 SPEECH SUPPLIES | 436 | 0 | 436 | 598.76 | .00 | -162.76 | 137.3%* |
| 08041801 51408 SPED TEACHER | 230,758 | 0 | 230,758 | 106,709.15 | 91,464.88 | 32,583.97 | 85.9% |
| 08041802 51418 SPEECH TEACHER | 86,218 | 0 | 86,218 | 46,425.12 | 39,792.88 | .00 | 100.0% |
| 08041803 51624 SPED EDUCATION ASST | 114,698 | 0 | 114,698 | 62,823.76 | 35,463.04 | 16,411.20 | 85.7% |
| 08051801 54305 RES TEXTBOOKS | 537 | 0 | 537 | 405.95 | .00 | 131.05 | 75.6% |
| 08051802 54332 EDUC NEEDS SUPPLIES | 494 | 0 | 494 | 528.44 | .00 | -34.44 | 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 | 135,454.34 | 116,103.66 | -2,488.00 | 101.0%* |
| 09041802 51418 SPEECH TEACHER | 85,341 | 0 | 85,341 | 48,309.80 | 38,069.80 | -1,038.60 | 101.2%* |
| 09041803 51624 SPED EDUCATION ASST | 56,005 | 0 | 56,005 | 36,269.00 | 23,818.17 | -4,082.17 | 107.3%* |
| 09051801 54334 EDUC NEEDS TEXTS | 641 | 0 | 641 | 662.91 | .00 | -21.91 | 103.4%* |
| 09051802 54330 RESOURCE SUPPLIES | 494 | 0 | 494 | 425.91 | 424.96 | -356.87 | 172.2%* |
| 09051802 54333 SPEECH SUPPLIES | 442 | 0 | 442 | 477.26 | .00 | -35.26 | 108.0%* |
| 10041801 51408 SPED TEACHER | 285,529 | 0 | 285,529 | 153,746.32 | 131,782.68 | .00 | 100.0% |
| 10041802 51418 SPEECH TEACHER | 75,295 | 0 | 75,295 | 40,543.44 | 34,751.56 | .00 | 100.0% |
| 10041803 51624 SPED EDUCATION ASST | 150,574 | 0 | 150,574 | 117,722.51 | 69,371.20 | -36,519.71 | 124.3%* |
| 10051801 54334 EDUC NEEDS TEXTS | 641 | 0 | 641 | 925.79 | .00 | -284.79 | 144.4%* |
| 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 | 99,430.96 | 108,419.96 | -2,451.92 | 101.2%* |
| 14041801 51417 PHYSICAL THERAPIST | 74,398 | 0 | 74,398 | 40,060.86 | 34,337.39 | -.25 | 100.0%* |
| 14051801 51407 HOME INSTRUCT TEACHE | 1,051 | 0 | 1,051 | 341.30 | .00 | 709.70 | 32.5% |
| 14051803 54338 SPED EDUC SUPPLIES | 3,200 | 0 | 3,200 | 3,188.99 | 936.60 | -925.59 | 128.9%* |
| TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION | 4,495,634 | 0 | 4,495,634 | 3,097,883.93 | 1,653,083.56 | -255,333.49 | 105.7% |

51 AUTISTIC SERVICES

| | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|---|--------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| 14045101 51436 AUTISTIC COORDINATOR | 63,833 | 0 | 63,833 | 24,138.00 | 10,862.00 | 28,833.00 | 54.8% |
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| 14045102 51616 TRAINER | 658,220 | 0 | 658,220 | 325,288.41 | 284,187.39 | 48,744.20 | 92.6% |
| 14055103 52463 AUTISTIC CONTRACT SE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,140.00 | .00 | -1,140.00 | 100.0% |
| TOTAL AUTISTIC SERVICES | 722,053 | 0 | 722,053 | 350,566.41 | 295,049.39 | 76,437.20 | 89.4% |
| TOTAL GENERAL FUND SCHOOL | 5,673,925 | 0 | 5,673,925 | 3,818,837.77 | 2,071,111.91 | -216,024.68 | 103.8% |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 5,673,925 | 0 | 5,673,925 | 3,818,837.77 | 2,071,111.91 | -216,024.68 | |
| GRAND TOTAL | 5,673,925 | 0 | 5,673,925 | 3,818,837.77 | 2,071,111.91 | -216,024.68 | 103.8% |

** END OF REPORT - Generated by Denise Kelly **

Note:

The following expenses will be reclassified from Appropriated once monies are received:

- 1) Circuit Breaker Reimbursement \$160,789
- 2) ARRA SFSF \$35,681

Actual
Acton Public Schools
2009-2010
March 1, 2010

| Grade YOG | Conant | | | Douglas | | | Gates | | | McCarthy-Towne | | | | | | | Merriam | | | Total | #Sec. Avg. Siz | | | | | | | |
|-------------|---------------------|-----|----|---------|---------------------|----|-------|-----|---------------------|----------------|----|---------|---------------------|-----|-----|-----|---------------------|-----|-----|-------|---------------------|-----|-----|---------|------|------|--|--|
| | Rm | CAD | CB | CC | DAD | DB | DC | # | GAD | GB | GC | I# | Total | TAD | TB | TC | # [I] | MAD | MB | | | MC | MC2 | 2# | | | | |
| K-22 | 21 | 22 | 21 | 64 | 22 | 21 | 22 | 65 | 22 | 21 | 22 | 65 | Case + | 23 | 20 | 21 | 64 | 22 | 21 | 21 | 22 | 86 | 343 | 16 | 21.4 | | | |
| Rm | 3 | 4 | 5 | | 3 | 4 | 5 | | 1 | 3 | 8 | 2# | | 113 | 311 | 312 | [I] | 135 | 231 | 321 | 1# | | 3# | | | | | |
| Gr. 1-21 | 23 | 23 | 24 | 70 | 23 | 23 | 23 | 69 | 23 | 23 | 23 | 69 | Case + | 24 | 23 | 23 | 70 | 22 | 22 | 23 | 67 | 344 | 15 | 22.9 | | | | |
| Rm | 6 | 7 | 8 | | 6 | 7 | 8 | | 5 | 6 | 10 | | | 114 | 301 | 302 | [2] 1# | 322 | 323 | 234 | 1# | 2# | | | | | | |
| Gr. 2-20 | 24 | 23 | 25 | 72 | 22 | 23 | 23 | 68 | 24 | 23 | 22 | 69 | Case + | 24 | 23 | 24 | 71 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 69 | 347 | 15 | 23.1 | | | | |
| Rm | 9 | 10 | 17 | | 9 | 10 | 11 | | 7 | 9 | 17 | 1# | | 212 | 213 | 314 | [2] | 230 | 330 | 224 | 4# | 5# | | | | | | |
| Gr. 3-19 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 72 | 25 | 24 | 24 | 73 | 25 | 24 | 24 | 73 | Case + | 24 | 25 | 27 | 76 | 24 | 24 | 25 | 73 | 365 | 15 | 24.3 | | | | |
| Rm | 18 | 19 | 20 | | 12 | 13 | 14 | 1# | 18 | 19 | 20 | no boys | | 115 | 210 | 310 | [3] | 331 | 233 | 222 | 1# | 2# | | | | | | |
| Gr. 4-18 | 24 | 24 | 25 | 73 | 25 | 24 | 24 | 73 | 24 | 25 | 25 | 74 | Case + | 27 | 25 | 24 | 74 | 24 | 24 | 25 | 73 | 364 | 15 | 24.3 | | | | |
| Rm | 14 | 15 | 16 | | 19 | 20 | 21 | | 14 | 15 | 16 | | | 211 | 303 | 313 | [4] | 333 | 324 | 334 | 232 | 1# | 1# | | | | | |
| Gr. 5-17 | 26 | 25 | 25 | 76 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 72 | 24 | 24 | 25 | 73 | Case + | 24 | 25 | 25 | 74 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 96 | 391 | 16 | 24.4 | | | | |
| Rm | 11 | 12 | 13 | | 13 | 16 | 17 | | 11 | 12 | 13 | no boys | | 112 | 214 | 215 | | 225 | 335 | 332 | 323 | 1# | 1# | | | | | |
| Gr. 6-16 | 25 | 25 | 26 | 76 | 26 | 26 | 26 | 78 | 23 | 25 | 24 | 72 | Case + | 26 | 26 | 26 | 78 | 25 | 26 | 25 | 24 | 100 | 404 | 16 | 25.3 | | | |
| Total Staff | | | | 0# | | | | 2# | | | | 4# | | | | 3# | | | | | | | | 1# | 20# | | | |
| Total | 21 Sec. Averag 24.0 | | | 503 | 21 Sec. Averag 23.7 | | | 498 | 21 Sec. Averag 23.6 | | | 495 | 21 Sec. Averag 23.7 | | | 498 | 21 Sec. Averag 23.5 | | | 564 | 21 Sec. Averag 23.5 | | | 2558 | 108 | 23.7 | | |
| Range | 21 - 26 | | | | 21 - 26 | | | | 21 - 25 | | | | 20 - 26 | | | | | | | | | | | 21 - 26 | | | | |

Friends of the West Acton Boardwalk Present

BOARD-A-PALOOZA

a music festival & craft fair raising money to replace
the boardwalk between Douglas & Gates schools

Saturday, June 12, 2010

10am- 8pm

Douglas & Gates Schools

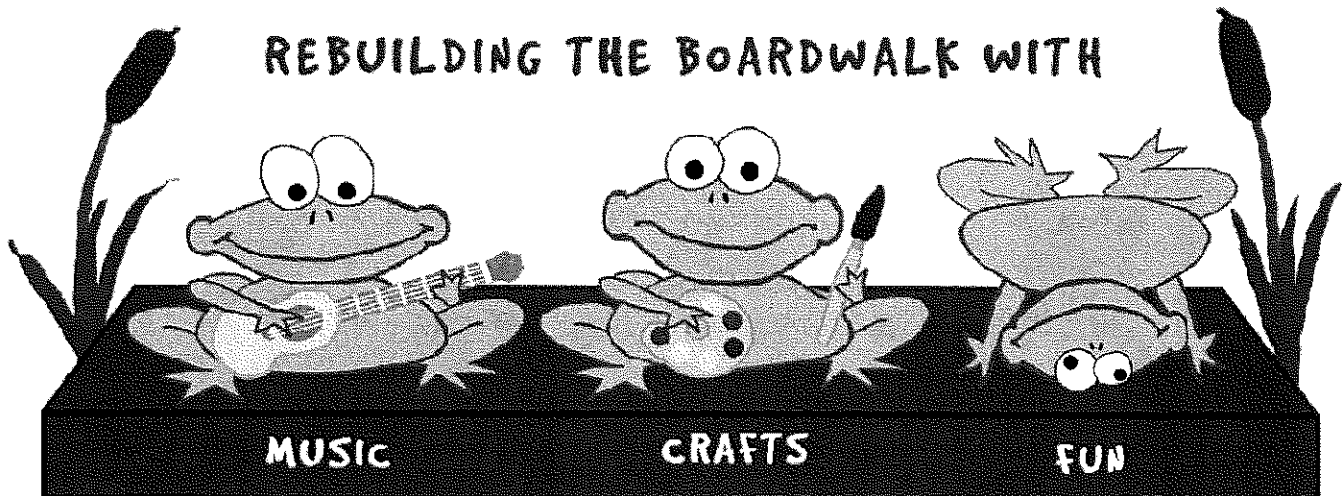
75 Spruce Street

Acton, MA

Tickets \$5/person max \$20/family

<http://boardwalk.westacton.net/festival2010.html>

REBUILDING THE BOARDWALK WITH



March 15, 2010

Dear Conant Parents,

Thank you to the many members of the Conant community who volunteered to be part of the principal search committee. The committee has been selected, and the members are listed below. We will be meeting over the next week, and we will then announce methods for the Conant parent community to give input to the selection process for the next Conant Principal.

The committee includes:

Parents

Rebecca Bregman
Theresa Hoggins
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Staff

Jana Bardsley
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Aurora Winters

Administrators

Ed Kaufman, Principal Merriam Elementary School
Liza Huber, Director of Pupil Services

I will serve as a non-voting facilitator for the committee. Although my original letter specified four teachers and three parents, I've expanded to five teachers and four parents to better represent the whole Conant community.

Some of you may be anxious about our timeframe. We have advertised in the Boston Globe the last two Sundays, and our deadline for applications is March 25. We already have nineteen completed applications and another 19 (total 38) who have started the on-line application but not submitted the final application. I am confident that we will have a deep pool by the end of next week.

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Enrollment Projections and Actuals 1999-2010

| | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 | 2004 | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 | 2000 | 1999 |
|--|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Projection | 274 (NESDEC) 309-325 | 287 | 276 | 309 | 349 | 316 | 338 | 319 | 306 | 351 | 338 | 335 |
| Registered by March (including staff) | 305 (includes 7 staff) | 311 (334 at time of lottery) | 291 | 286 | 294 | 301 | 308 | | | | | |
| Oct 1 | | 334 | 301 | 292 | 305 | 308 | 328 | 334 | 361 | 338 | 323 | 326 |
| Staff | 7 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 1 | | | | | |
| Total Oct 1 | | 340 | 304 | 294 | 310 | 310 | 328 | 334 | 361 | 338 | 323 | 326 |
| Difference Oct 1 and projection | | +47 | +25 | -15 | -39 | -6 | -10 | +15 | +55 | -13 | -15 | -9 |
| Difference between registration and Oct 1 | | +29 | +13 | +8 | +16 | +9 | +20 | | | | | |
| Same class in 6 th grade | | | | | | | | 407 | 384 | 397 | 390 | 370 |
| K-6 progression ratio | | | | | | | | 1.22 | 1.06 | 1.18 | 1.20 | 1.13 |

Count of Those Who Had Special Requests

| First Choice | Sibling | Retention | Walker | Special Needs | Language | Total |
|--------------|------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|----------|------------|
| Conant | 42 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 48 |
| Douglas | 37 | 0 | 11 | 3 | 1 | 52 |
| Gates | 30 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 35 |
| Towne | 30 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 31 |
| Merriam | 31 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 37 |
| No School | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 170 | 2 | 19 | 11 | 1 | 203 |

Choice Placements

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|--------|-----|
| First | 0 |
| Second | 0 |
| Third | 0 |
| Fourth | 0 |
| Fifth | 305 |

Retentions

?+ Case not counted
 CAD =
 DAD =
 GAD =
 TAD =
 MAD =
 Total =
 In the count - do not add

| Program | Total | Priority | Random |
|-----------------|-------|----------|--------|
| All Day Conant | 36 | 27 | 9 |
| All Day Douglas | 43 | 28 | 15 |
| All Day Gates | 26 | 21 | 5 |
| All Day Towne | 23 | 16 | 7 |
| All Day Merriam | 31 | 19 | 12 |
| All Day Sum | 159 | 111 | 48 |

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|---------------------------|---|
| Early Admission Conant | 0 |
| Early Admission Douglas | 1 |
| Early Admission Gates | 0 |
| Early Admission Towne | 0 |
| Early Admission Merriam | 1 |
| Early Admission No School | 1 |

All Students



Class of 2023

School Choices for All of Incoming Students

| Choice | Sibling | 1 | 2 | 3 | Total |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Conant | 42 | 69 | 14 | 30 | 113 |
| Douglas | 37 | 79 | 28 | 37 | 144 |
| Gates | 30 | 48 | 36 | 25 | 109 |
| Towne | 30 | 47 | 19 | 21 | 87 |
| Merriam | 31 | 61 | 36 | 18 | 115 |
| No School | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Total | 170 | 305 | 133 | 131 | 569 |

School Choices for Those Without Siblings

| Choice | 1 | 2 | 3 | Total |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Conant | 27 | 14 | 28 | 69 |
| Douglas | 42 | 26 | 35 | 103 |
| Gates | 18 | 34 | 25 | 77 |
| Towne | 17 | 18 | 19 | 54 |
| Merriam | 30 | 34 | 17 | 81 |
| No School | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Total | 135 | 126 | 124 | 385 |

March 17, 2010

To: The School Committee

Thru: Stephen Mills

From: Liza Huber

Re: Early Admission to Kindergarten or First Grade

Historical Perspective

On May 30, 1979, the School Committee approved an “Early Admission to Kindergarten” by allowing a parent or guardian to request an evaluation to determine readiness for the child to participate in the cognitive, motor, attentional, social-emotional demands of kindergarten.

Not only the cut off date to kindergarten became five years old as of September 1st in September 1997, but also the change for early admission was also moved up by four months to a newly established date of April 1st.

A parent was given an opportunity to request early admission or withholding the child if the parent moved to Acton following kindergarten registration, move-ins between 4/1 and 9/1 of a given year. Interestingly, from 1997-2001, about half (1/2) of the children considered moved to Acton from outside the US or have parents educated outside the US in cultures where formal schooling begins earlier. Entrance age has changed the number of requests for early admission.

I recently spoke with a retired elementary principal who headed the Task Force established in 1994 to study the early admission policy. Early admission was a concession for the earlier date (September 1st) established for entrance. Through extensive teacher involvement, the task force concluded that retentions often had roots in early admissions which fueled the hypothesis that the child’s social-emotional make-up was not on target when compared to peers.

Present Perspective and Next Steps

Developmental age is critical to mastering skills (cognitive, emotional, social) and this sense of maturity in tasks and readiness are pre-requisites for a successful kindergarten year. There is a delicate balance between readiness and timing of entering school. We cannot force developmental readiness as it naturally happens; we may influence timing through accepting or withholding entrance into kindergarten. Timing for accepting children is critical; very few exceptions should be granted. For parents seeking early admissions, the procedures should be outlined clearly and intensive evaluation required at parental expense. The evaluations must minimally measure cognitive, social-emotional,

motor, and attentional skills. Results should be examined through the team, including the parent to ascertain readiness.

Since this present (and longstanding) policy represents the perspective of parents and teachers, you, as a school committee, may wish to consider modifying or amending this policy, in its entirety or in part, through the school committee policy sub-committee, as has been done in the past (Life Threatening Allergy Policy, Wellness Policy, etc.).

Thank you for your consideration.