

current budgets are within the levy limit guidelines developed by both the Concord and Carlisle Finance Committees.

The school districts managed successful year-end closings, and CPS will be seeking Town approval for \$100,000 to be placed in the CPS capital construction stabilization fund and \$50,000 in the CPS technology stabilization fund. The regional school district will be seeking approval from both Concord and Carlisle to place approximately \$37,000 into the CCRSD technology stabilization fund. The CCRSD Excess and Deficiency (E&D) fund balance for the past fiscal year has been maintained above the 4.5% level.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

The major highlights of 2010 were the completion of the CCHS facilities master plan and the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) invitation for a feasibility study for a new/renovated building project for the CCHS. Both Concord and Carlisle supported \$1.3M funding for the Feasibility Study and the Regional School Committee appointed 23 representative town and school members to the CCHS Building Committee. This committee is charged with completing the feasibility study/schematic design by summer to prepare for a Fall 2011 vote for construction funds.

Completed capital projects at CPS include Sanborn parking lot repaving, Integrated Preschool renovations, Willard solar panel installation, Ripley playground expansion, and installation of metal storage areas in the Ripley building. Sanborn auditorium seating replacement, Peabody boiler replacement, Ripley electrical/mechanical upgrades, and Sanborn outdoor areas are projects in progress. At CCHS, air conditioning was installed in the Band and Chorus rooms and carpeting was installed in the Chorus room. Speed bumps were placed on the entrance and exit roads. The Adult and Community Education office was relocated to CCHS.

SUMMARY

In 2010, the districts made significant progress in achieving the mission and district goals by increasing student learning, developing responsive and responsible budgets, improving special education services, integrating technology into classrooms, and supporting faculty

and staff. For more information, please visit the CPS/CCRSD web site (www.concordpublicschools.net), the CCHS building committee website (www.cchsbuilding.org), and review the CPS & CCRSD 2010 Performance Report.

REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Jerry Wedge, Co-Chair
Karla Johnson, Co-Chair

Our 23-member committee, made up of representatives from Concord and Carlisle, educators, public officials and citizens, has been meeting since last summer in order to set the path that will ultimately lead to a high school that will fully serve the needs of our community. Our primary goals, as charged by the Concord-Carlisle Regional School Committee, will be to work closely with the Massachusetts State Building Authority (MSBA) to implement the Feasibility Study and eventually the construction and completion of the project in order to maximize the potential reimbursement from the State. It is our intention to propose a highly sustainable project; one which will minimize energy use, use responsible building materials and practices, and provide a healthy environment for learning through fresh air and natural day lighting.

To date, we have been working with the MSBA to define the parameters of the project such as the design enrollment, general size of the project, and scope of services for the Owner's Project Manager (OPM) and Project Designer. Over the summer, we came to agreement with the State that the design enrollment would be 1,225 students which translates to a building size of approximately 222,000 square feet. The MSBA has estimated a project cost of between \$75 and \$85 million exclusive of a Field House. We have recently received approval from the State to hire KV Associates of Boston as our OPM. They are working on the Wayland high school project which is similar in size and complexity to ours, and we are enthusiastic about building a strong relationship with them as the project continues. We are now in the midst of selecting a design firm. We have advertised a Request for Services and expect to have responses by the end of January and make a selection in mid-February. We hope to be kicking off our first design meetings in

March. From there, our work will take us into the summer as we complete the documents for State approval and ultimately approvals from Concord and Carlisle in the late fall of this year.

Our committee typically meets at 6PM on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month in the Library of the High School. All meetings are open to the public. We also are maintaining a website at www.cchsbuilding.org where you can find meeting minutes and other important documents related to the project. We invite you to participate in this important project by keeping informed over the next several months to see how you can help. Thank you for your continued support of our schools.

MINUTEMAN VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dr. Edward Bouquillon, Supt./Director
James Lavery, Asst. Supt./Principal

ABOUT MINUTEMAN

Minuteman is a four-year career and technical high school serving the member towns of Acton, Arlington, Belmont, Bolton, Boxborough, Carlisle, Concord, Dover, Lancaster, Lexington, Lincoln, Needham, Stow, Sudbury, Wayland, and Weston. Minuteman combines rigorous academics in preparation for college with relevant career and technical programs. The school also provides career development programs for adults as part of our self-sustaining Community Education Program.

ENROLLMENT

As of October 1, 2010, twenty high school students and two post graduate students were enrolled at Minuteman providing a full time equivalent (FTE) of twenty-two residents of Concord.

Minuteman experienced a 60% increase in the Freshman Class. New recruitment and communications strategies were executed and have included students, parents, alumni and advisory committee members in speaking to parents, interested students and community groups about the value add of a Minuteman education. As the 2011-2012 Recruitment Activities have evolved we have seen an additional increase in interested 8th graders. All

indications are that interest in Minuteman is increasing from our member communities.

MULTIPLE AVENUES OF ENROLLMENT

Minuteman offers a unique program allowing student enrollment on a half day-every day basis. Currently, no Concord students take advantage of this design. Juniors and Seniors are encouraged to visit minuteman.org for more information.

Minuteman offers 'Post Graduate' programs to Concord residents of any age who are seeking to enhance their economic opportunity via skill development. Beginning in FY12 Member community Post-Graduate Students will be charged a partial tuition that will escalate over several fiscal years to reflect the estimated operating costs.

2010 CONCORD GRADUATES AND AWARDS

Carolina Broach, Health Assisting; John Keilty, Automotive Technology; and Victoria Moniz, Culinary Arts are Concord residents who graduated from Minutemen in 2010.

At the 2010 graduation, Carolina Broach received the Massachusetts Vocational Association Award, Minuteman Drama Club Award, Minuteman Parent Association N.H.S. Award, the Friends of Minuteman Award, and the Paul and Alphen Memorial Award. Victoria Moniz received the Friends of Minuteman Award. These awards are given to students of superior academic achievement and significant participation in school or community activities.

Class of 2010 Graduate Achievement Highlights

- 100% successfully passed the State-required MCAS in English and Math.
- 32 members (25%) of the class of 2010 earned the John and Abigail Adams Scholarships for outstanding MCAS performance.
- 72% college acceptance or advanced Technical Training, 19% career bound in field and 5% military. Overall, graduates achieved a 96% placement rate.
- 100% of Dental graduates passed the National Dental Board examination.
- 100% of Early Education and Care program completers were certified by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care.
- 100% of Cosmetology graduates passed State Board