

Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education Update

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Information regarding the current status of the Mansfield Public Schools: items, issues, challenges, and opportunities district staff addressed during the month, as well as upcoming district and school events.

Enrollment

Grade	GW	SE	VN	Grade	MMS	District
PreK	20	21	22	5	141	
K	40	42	35	6	143	
1	35	44	50	7	137	
2	32	51	49	8	160	
3	36	51	49			
4	38	37	45			
Total	201	246	250		581	1278

- Homeschool year to date total: 5 families with 10 students.

	GW	SE	VN	MMS	District
Immigrant Children*	5	3	2	3	13
ELL**	5	6	3	7	21

*Eligible immigrant children are defined as a) ages 3-21 enrolled full-time in school, b) not born in any state, c) have not been attending 1 or more schools in 1 or more states for more than 3 full academic years.

**English Language Learners

Budget

- Established account for additional supplemental instruction which will be held outside the regular school day.
- Food Service Comparison:

Aug./Sept./Oct. 2007-2008		Aug./Sept./Oct. 2008-2009	
Paid Meals	Total Meals	Paid Meals	Total Meals
23,041	31,563	23,725	34,484

Personnel

	Certified	Non-Certified
Retirements	0	0
Resignations	0	0
Requests for Leave	0	0
New Hires	0	2

- Finalized agreement with Mansfield Administrators Association.
- Awaiting ratification of agreement with SEIU.
- Conducted training for 6 new substitutes on October 9th bringing total to 45.

Connecticut Mastery Test – Fourth Generation Results

#/% of students at/above goal

Grade	Math	Writing	Reading	Science
3 – 122	96/78.7%	95/77.9%	83/68%	-----
4 – 132	92/69.7%	95/73.1%	89/68.5%	-----
5 – 141	115/81.6%	116/84.1%	109/77.3%	121/85.8%
6 – 136	103/75.7%	92/67.6%	106/78.5%	-----
7 – 159	126/79.7%	125/78.6%	135/86%	-----
8 – 150	150/74.5%	119/78.5%	125/83.9%	127/84.7%

- Received 2006-2007 District Annual Performance Reports & Determination regarding Special Education Services
- Reviewed final No Child Left Behind (NCLB) reports that indicated all individual schools received Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) but the district as a whole did not reach AYP for two sub-groups.
 - Special Education – Reading & Mathematics
 - Free/Reduced Lunch – Reading
- Students not reaching goal in one or more areas: (current grade)

Gr. 4 – 51/41%	Gr. 7 – 59/43.4%
Gr. 5 – 64/48.5%	Gr. 8 – 49/30.6%
Gr. 6 – 49/34.8%	Gr. 9 – 37/30%

District: Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

Including Instructional Technology Applications

- Conducted building Level Tier I, II, III meetings
- Conducted second meeting of Response to Intervention/Scientific Research-Based Interventions (RTI/SRBI) district committee.
- Initiated curriculum evaluations in Math, PE, Music, FCS, and IT with Ashford, Willington, & Region 19.
- Discussed EO Smith Depot Campus Internship Program and district involvement.
- Reviewed and distributed literacy assessment schedule for winter and spring.
- Distributed CT Curriculum Development Guide & CT Walkthrough Protocol Guide.
- Distributed K-4 Subject Area Time Allocation memo to staff.
- Walked Willimantic River Greenway Project with enrichment teachers, administrators, and Tim Quinn.
- Attended a presentation at LEARN on digital portfolios.
- Initiated work on ED 165 report for 2008-2009 (Strategic School Profile).

Policies

- Adopted revised Policy Book.
- Established BOE member email accounts.

Building and Grounds

- Awaiting resolution regarding rain leaking on occasion into Mansfield Middle School library.
- Completed relocation of Southeast refuse containers.
- Completed repairs and re-testing in three sinks at Vinton that showed positive for lead. Follow up testing was negative for lead.
- Continued composting at all 4 schools.
- Instituted delivery of Federal Surplus Food Program to all four schools.
- Discussed with Building Committee issues and options regarding the MMS fuel conversion project.

Programs

- Conducted Mobile Dentist fall visit at MMS for 31 students from all 4 schools.
- Conducted Safety and Fire Prevention Training in all elementary schools and grade five at MMS.
- District Participation with Mansfield Youth Services Bureau Program(s):

July-Sept. 08	MMS	GW	SE	VN	Total
Total Youth	52	17	8	3	80
Total Adults	43	27	9	2	81

Communication

- Held monthly meetings with bargaining unit leaders.
- Disseminated Administrative Council minutes to all staff.
- Conducted second Technology Committee 08-09 meeting via video conferencing from all 4 school locations.
- Met with SE PTO to review CMT's.
- Conducted two *Bridges in Mathematics* parent meetings and provided recordings for parents.
- Conducted Wellness Advisory Committee meeting.
- Conducted Professional Development Steering Committee meeting.

Security

- A review of building security was conducted by Dept. of Homeland Security staff member.
- Submitted security grant to Dept. of Homeland Security.

Professional Development

- Held third meeting of professional learning communities for 141 certified staff in 13 course offerings.
- Conducted training regarding scoring of *Bridges in Mathematics* pre/post assessments.
- Conducted full day training for instructional assistants:
 - Guidelines for Training & Support of Paraprofessionals Working with Students
 - Mandated Reporting
 - School Climate
- Hosted Jane Bluestein presentation "My Brain Doesn't Work Like That: Back-Door Approaches to Working with Non-Traditional Learners" for our staff, as well as staff from Ashford, Willington, and Columbia.
- Conducted restraint training for selected instructional assistants.

Technology

Administrative Applications

- Continued work on creating a district curriculum web page.
- Continued set-up & training of automated system for recording substitutes.
- Implemented spread sheet submission of fall language arts assessments.
- Continued review of library system software.
- Implemented broadcast of Four School Building Project public meeting on Channel 13.

Energy

- Provided building level data regarding energy usage.
- Implemented school building energy committees.
- Implemented new guidelines for after school building use in an effort to reduce energy consumption.

Other

- Attended New Superintendent Workshop at CAPSS.
- Participated in October meeting of Blueprint for Mansfield's Children Leadership Work Group, also participated in the Results Based Accountability (RBA) Institute with selected members from the Leadership Work Group and follow up data meeting.
- Attended two Neag School Assessment Colloquia.
- Attended meeting on Secondary School Reform.

Additional information will be provided upon request by calling 429.3350 or by emailing mboesupt@mansfieldct.org.

Upcoming Events in November:

Please join us at any/all of these events

GW	SE	VN
Beck Building & PO F.T. Gr. 2 11/13/08 9:30am	Parents' Hour/PTO 11/3/08 6:00pm	Enrichment Parent's Night 11/12/08 7:00pm
Town Meeting 11/18/08 1:15pm	Book Fair 11/20, 21/08	Pequot Museum F.T. Gr. 4 11/14/08
PTO Meeting 11/19/08 6:30pm	Thanksgiving Feast 11/21/08 12:00noon	PTA Meeting 11/17/08 7:00pm
Thanksgiving Feast 11/21/08 12:00noon	Parent/Teacher Conferences 11/24/08 2:00-5:00pm	Thanksgiving Feast/Celebrate VN 11/21/08
Parent/Teacher Conferences 11/24/08 2:00-5:00	Parent/Teacher Conferences 11/25/08 6:00-8:30pm	Book Fair 11/21, 24, 25, 26/08
Parent/Teacher Conferences 11/25/08 6:00-8:30pm		Parent/Teacher Conferences 11/24/08 2:00-5:00
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MMS		
Thanksgiving Feast 11/20/08	Parent/Teacher Conferences 11/24/08 5:00-8:00pm	Parent/Teacher Conferences 11/25/08 1:00-3:30pm
Career Day Gr. 7 & 8 11/26/08 Morning		
District		
Building Committee 11/12/08 5:00pm	BOE Meeting 11/13/08 7:30pm	Bldg. Comm., BOE, Town Council 11/17/08 6:30pm