



Wayland Public Schools

Fall Forum

October 11, 2011





Mission Statement

- Personal and civic responsibility, love of learning, and empathy for others: these are the qualities that the Wayland Public Schools seek to instill in its students. At its core, our mission is to provide a rigorous and stimulating academic environment that promotes the acquisition of knowledge and skills. Yet we deem it equally important to nurture self-confident, collaborative, and conscientious individuals. We strive to create a climate where risk-taking is safeguarded, open expression is encouraged, and free association is protected. Our goal is to advance our students' growth into principled, informed, and capable citizens who will help guide a democracy that follows humanitarian principles in the global forum, and shape a just society where individuals may reach their full potential.



Agenda

- Introductions
- Proposed District-Wide Goals & Priorities
- Financial Results & FY13 Budget Process
- Operational Review Update
- High School Building Project Update
- 1:1 Computer Learning Initiative Update
- Discussion



Proposed Goals & Priorities

1. To implement a system-wide integrated RTI program in a teaching and learning environment that includes teacher collaboration, sharing of best practices, differentiated instruction, and the use of data to inform instruction
2. To increasingly employ instructional technology for the purpose of improving student understanding of core content knowledge and skills, including in the areas of formative assessment and differentiation
3. To enhance health and wellness education, employing a systemic approach to curriculum, instruction, extra-curricular activities and school culture
4. To continue to define and narrow the achievement gap
5. To restructure the fiscal operations within the school system with an eye toward efficiency, transparency, and accountability
6. To review the full day kindergarten pilot – including its educational impact, financing, and parental assessment – and recommend future directions



Proposed Goals & Priorities

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- On Deck

- To review new state regulations regarding teacher evaluation, and accordingly, work to adjust supervisory practice in Wayland
- To increasingly align the curricular and extra-curricular activities with activities that will help prepare students to become global citizens in a global economy



Financial Results

- **FY11 End of Year Results**

- Ended below budget, returning approximately \$650,000 to the Town.
- These savings resulted primarily from:
 - funds that were carried forward from FY10 but not expended,
 - certain unfilled positions and staff exchanges,
 - increase in SPED Circuit Breaker funds, and
 - renegotiated contracts for utility and fuel services, offset against year end computer purchases.
- In most cases, these savings were one-time savings and not recurring.
- Revolving accounts reflect a closing balance of approximately \$3 million.
 - Additional analysis will be conducted to determine nature of balances and future actions to be taken, if any.

- **FY12 Projected Results**

- School Committee will receive a quarterly report with financial results to date and projected.



FY13 Budget Process

- Finance Committee established FY13 operating and capital budget guidelines
- School Committee sets Budget Principles
- Principals develop building level budgets
- Superintendent will review & consolidate into one budget
- Superintendent will present recommended budget to the SC - ***December 19th***
- SC will hold budget public forum – ***January 3rd***
- SC will conduct several public work sessions – ***January 3rd, 9th, 12th, 17th*** (if needed)
- Finance Committee will receive the SC proposed budget - ***January 23rd***



Operational Review: *Update*

Hired The Abrahams Group to conduct an analysis to ensure services are reported and delivered in an efficient and effective manner.

■ ***Part I*** - *Review existing Town and School budget and expenditure reporting formats and recommend improvements based on best practices.*

- The Operations Review Committee received final report from The Abrahams Group
- The ORC presented its final report on Part 1 to Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee and School Committee
- School Committee presently drafting its report based on the ORC's findings and recommendations



Operational Review: *Update*

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- **Part II** - *Review potentially redundant non-educational operational and administrative service delivery structures and expenses between Town and Schools and review administrative structure throughout the Wayland Public Schools. Recommend efficiencies.*
 - Received draft report from The Abrahams Group
 - Operations Review Committee in process of drafting its report on Part II and giving final comments to The Abrahams Group
 - ORC plans to present its final report on Part II to Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee and School Committee in October 2011
 - School Committee will then discuss the ORC's recommendations and will draft its own report



Operational Review: *Update*

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- **Article 8** – *Hire an independent consultant to restate FY11 budget and actual expenses.*
 - Extended the contract with The Abrahams Group to include this project
 - In collaboration with the lead petitioner, redefined scope of work to only include restatement of expenditures of FY11
 - Work is ongoing



High School Project: *Update*

- Project is comfortably within budget and on schedule
- Reimbursement from MSBA is ongoing
- Expected move into new facility over 2011 Holiday Break
- Final completion expected summer 2012
- Upcoming events include:
 - A Thanksgiving "Celebration of Wayland" in tribute to the legacy of excellent education, that was provided through the current high school and that is to come in the new high school facility
 - Also, the launch of a new, formal Alumnae/ni Association, "100 Ways in Wayland," emphasizing the many accomplishments of students and staff
 - Informal ceremony for the students when they return from break to welcome them to new buildings
 - Formal ribbon cutting event with state officials in Summer 2012



1:1 Computer Learning Initiative: *Update*

- During FY11:

- Wayland High School implemented two student 1:1 pilots in the Math and Science curriculum.
- Research was conducted and data was collected related to other 1:1 student computer learning initiatives across the country.
- The Technology Director and the Technology Task Force recommended that the High School should move forward with a 1:1 Computer Learning Initiative for the FY13 school year, beginning September 2012.
- Every student would have access to a personal computer in grades 9 -12.

- During FY12:

- A group of administrators, teachers, School Committee members, parents and students recently visited a high school in Maine that has supported a 1:1 initiative for many years.
- A parent survey will be conducted later this month.
- A decision as to whether to move forward with this initiative and how it will be funded (e.g. through town funds, financial support from families or a combination) will be part of the FY13 budget process.

- We encourage the community to learn more about this initiative by reviewing information found at the link below.

For more information: <https://sites.google.com/a/wayland.k12.ma.us/one2one/>



Discussion

