

Uxbridge Public Schools

Connect Best Practices in Curriculum – Instruction – Assessment To Improve Achievement for Every Student

Monthly Report for October, 2007 Howard D. Boyaj

Professional Development on October 5

All Uxbridge Public School staff participated in the fourth professional development day of the school year on October 5, 2007. In keeping with our strategic planning goal to “promote a positive school climate,” the day’s activities kicked-off with a session on leadership, culture, and change.

Afternoon sessions on October 5 were devoted to a variety of professional development activities including MCAS data analysis, standards-based lesson planning, and a “Balanced Literacy Workshop” presented by Stephanie Lundberg and Lisa Hartman (Taft teachers). Paraprofessionals attended DOE mandated training on First Aid, CPR, and Physical Restraint.

Test-Wiz Training

Test-Wiz: Massachusetts is an easy to use Windows-based software product developed by dataMetrics Company that has been designed and customized to track and report on annual student MCAS test scores. Test-Wiz allows school staff to print up to 100 varied MCAS test-item and individual student reports.

Test-Wiz training was presented to the following staff on October 9:

Tara Bennett	Kara Ekstrom	Michelle Kelly
Wayne Borden	Lori Fafard	Kim Landini
Howard Boyaj	Mike Flanagan	Judi Lanoue
Rosemary Campbell	Joyce Fraire	Stephanie Lundberg
Valerie Carr	Paula Hansel	Amy Mayer
Mike DiMeglio	Rosemary Harcourt	Chris Prior

Administrators, Team Leaders, and classroom teachers have been busy using data from Test-Wiz reports to write Individual Student Success Plans, and develop MCAS improvement action plans.

Spring 2007 MCAS Test Reports

Official MCAS test results were released by the Department of Education during the month of October. The School Committee meeting on November 13, 2007 will feature a presentation of MCAS reports for Uxbridge Public Schools. The following attached information will help prepare for the upcoming MCAS presentation.

- Overview of MCAS Test Results: Spring 2007
- Uxbridge Public Schools 2007 MCAS Data Presentation
- Action Planning Objectives for Improving MCAS Achievement
- Additional Classroom Strategies for Improving MCAS Achievement