

# Uxbridge Public Schools

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

### Monthly Report for January, 2008 Howard D. Boyaj

#### Curriculum Planning Day on January 25

All Uxbridge School staff participated in school-based curriculum planning activities during the half-day on Friday, January 25, 2008. Following is an overview of curriculum planning work:

ELC	Kindergarten Screening and Registration
Taft	Empowering Writers Workshop
Whitin	ISSP Review and MCAS Preparation
UHS	Departmental Curriculum Projects
Special Ed. Staff	Writing Measurable IEP Goals and Objectives
Paraprofessionals	MCAS Accommodations for Students
Support Staff	Legal Issues Workshop with Tim Norris

#### Gifted and Talented Grant

We are pleased to report that Uxbridge Public Schools has been awarded a Gifted and Talented Planning Grant by the Department of Education. The purpose of this grant program is to provide funding for districts committed to building basic knowledge and understanding of how to identify and serve a broad range of 1-8 advanced/gifted students throughout the district through professional development. The program gives teams of educators the opportunity to learn methods of identifying, understanding, and meeting the needs of advanced/gifted students by taking college level courses, developing school/district policies regarding services for advanced/gifted students, planning a program to deliver services to advanced/gifted students, and sharing project findings with others.

The following staff will be participating in coursework at Framingham State College as part of this grant program:

Ruth Bandstra	Shepali Fox	Christine Martellio
Diana Daugherty	Lillian Hazard	Paula Montesi
Stephanie Davis	Karin Knapik	Gaye Quintiliani
Susan Dhosi	Terri Larsen	Cynthia Tanner
Lori Fafard	Sharon Manz	Donna Yargeau