

**Monthly Report
Superintendent of Schools
December 2009**

December 1 and December 15: Administrative Team Meetings were held and topics on budget, professional development, emergency response, MCAS accommodations, and Race to the Top, were discussed.

December 2: I met with Joe Buckley, Retired Superintendent Mentor/Advisor, from the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents.

December 4: Met with Gene Raymond, Architect, and Noah Luskin, Project Manager, to review/discuss plans for the building project.

December 8: Dr. Haughey and I attended a workshop on Race to the Top (RTTT) to learn more about this federal initiative. The federal Race to the Top (RTTT) grant is a competitive, \$4.35 billion education reform program enacted as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). This could result in an award of up to \$250 million in additional federal dollars for Massachusetts. At least half of the grant award will go to districts that sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and commit to implement the initiatives in our proposal. Each MOU must be signed by the LEA leader, union president and School Committee chair. The more districts that sign, the more points the state's proposal will receive in the final scoring process. It is unclear at this time as to how parts of the MOU could be implemented and the amount of money that would be available to Uxbridge Public Schools.

December 10: As part of our Safety Plan, a search of the High School for drugs and explosives, using K-9 Units was conducted. The Lockdown and search went extremely well and nothing illegal was found.

December 14: I met with the Policy Sub-Committee to review the Bus Policy. Other policies being reviewed are Entrance Age, Observations of Special Education Programs, and Physical Restraint of Students.

December 16: The District Crisis Team met to review our procedures when students are transported to the hospital, by ambulance, during the school day.

December 18: I attended the Superintendent's Collaborate meeting held at Hopedale.

December 21: Ernest Esposito, John Higgins, and I attended a meeting with Senator Moore, Representative Callahan, Representative Kujawski, Katherine Craven, Michael Szlosek, and Cari Robertson to discuss the school building project. The meeting was beneficial and productive as we continue to work collaboratively with the MSBA on the process of determining the scope of the project.

Respectfully submitted,



George Zini