

NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

FY 10

Budget Presentation

Mary Rowlandson Elementary School

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▣ Year in review accomplishments

- Improved student achievement, meeting AYP in all categories in ELA except one (special education subgroup) and in all categories in math for grades 3, 4, and 5.
- Introduced and trained staff in the use of AIMSweb as an effective assessment tool for benchmarking and progress monitoring.
- Developed and introduced a “Response to Intervention” plan that blends high quality instruction with evidence based interventions meeting individual needs and maximizing achievement for all students.
- Established a team that investigated scientifically based interventions for ELA and Math providing an excellent resource for staff to help address individual needs of students.

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▣ Accomplishments (Cont.)

- Through the collaboration of the Vertical Team and with the help of Department of Teaching & Learning a study skills and test taking “sweep” was implemented in each classroom.
- Increased the home-school connection by providing resources for parents that include the use of technology to support all academic areas and test taking strategies, Family Math and Reading nights, and Parent Forums.
- Fine tuned an effective plan for evacuation and lockdown that will assure the safety of all students and staff.
- Sponsored the MRE Summer Theater Camp for children in grades 3-5.
- Continued to provide an environment where children strive for and value high achievement while feeling safe and having fun.

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School Improvement Plan

- ▣ Goal #1 To facilitate continuous growth in student academic performance
 - ▣ To Improve overall math performance in all grades
 - ▣ To increase math scores on the grade 3 and 4 MCAS
 - ▣ To improve students' ability to answer open response questions
 - ▣ To increase parental support in the academic areas

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School Improvement Plan

- ▣ Goal #2 Improve internal communication that will strengthen our school culture and lead to higher academic achievement
 - Increase communication between grade levels, specialists, and students
 - Create seamless transitions from grade to grade in areas of academics as well as social/emotional growth
 - Collaborate on grade level expectations that will increase academic performance and maintain high standards for all students

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School Improvement Plan

- ▣ Goal #3 To create a safe, secure environment for all students and staff
 - Working with local Town Departments, establish a plan for evacuation and lock down to assure all students and staff are as safe as possible in any situation.
 - Implement an effective evacuation and lock down plan
 - Communicate to parents that such a plan exists
 - Installation of surveillance cameras at all entrances and on the play area

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- ▣ Enrollment:
 - No significant changes expected for FY10
 - ▣ Kindergarten numbers are yet to be determined at this time

- ▣ FTE Changes (Budgeted)
 - No change in Unit A or Unit C staffing

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MRE Mission Statement

Our mission is to educate and enable all students to reach their greatest academic, social, and emotional potential in a safe environment where excellence and commitment are both fostered and valued throughout the entire community.

- Summary/ Comments

The incredible efforts made by everyone throughout last year paid off. The fact that MRE did not meet AYP last year was a surprise and devastating for all of us, but it inspired us to look closely at what was working and what wasn't working for our students. This investigation drove us to make the changes that resulted in significant gains in student achievement. I want to thank the staff, parents, and especially Diane Tenen who led the rally that got those scores back up. I want to thank Michael, Sally, and her team in the Department of Teaching and Learning for their help and extraordinary support. I want to thank the students for their hard work and commitment to becoming life long, independent learners. They believe in themselves and we believe in them. I'm proud to be part of a team of people like those at Mary Rowlandson.