

NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

It is with great pleasure that I report to you a number of significant events for 2005. Our most significant by far was having one of our own recognized as Massachusetts' Teacher of the Year. Suzanne Wintle, a third grade teacher at the Florence Sawyer Elementary School was nominated by her principal, Ken Tucker, and in typical fashion she modestly agreed to see the process through. She was notified in June of her selection after a grueling three months of interviews, site visits and presentations. Hers is but one face of the many talented teachers and paraprofessionals who deserve this type of recognition, and of course we are very proud of her selection.

Difficult to top but just as eventful are three important areas that highlighted this past year. The first is the recognition of the district's financial stability. Without this stability, our students, families and staff would not want to place their trust in us as an organization. Second, our educational direction has been set by the development of our strategic plan. Work has been done for the past two years by a committee comprised of staff, community members and administrators who have set a course for the future and what a course it is!! And lastly, 2005 came and went with the beginning of a technology revolution. As a result of this, communication software is now available to promote and support communication among parents, students and teachers.

It will be nice when the district's financial crisis in 2002 is but a footnote on a page. Our entire district is committed to making that become a reality. In June 2005 we reached a milestone when the Financial Advisory Board (FAB) voted themselves out of existence, two years in advance of their statutory exit. This was a significant event because they said the district was on the right course, acting in a financially prudent manner and adopting policies and practices that will continue this course. The School Committee deserves the credit for having the forbearance to pursue common sense approaches to a transparent budget process, checks and balances for budget monitoring, and taking heed to recommendations in the auditor's report on an annual basis. In addition to a strong policy voice from our school committee, the service of John Antonucci, former Assistant Superintendent; Charlotte Noponen, District Treasurer; and Patricia Marone, District Accountant, had the experience and skill to put into practice the fiscal oversight necessary to ensure that there won't be a repeat of the past.

Keeping our financial house in order will always be important, but setting the direction and carrying out the necessary steps to keep us focused on our educational mission is really our top priority. This past fall the School Committee adopted its strategic plan with four goals focusing our human and financial resources. These goals and the objective activities being planned will help elevate our district to levels of efficiency we have yet to comprehend. You can see our strategic plan in its entirety on our website (www.nrsd.net).

Within all of what we do, there is a common element that binds us all: communication. The more we communicate and the better we get our message across, the more people know and understand the issues. Our latest initiatives in technology have really begun to foster access and promote the possibilities for better, more timely and more valuable information that will help parents and students understand what it is that is expected, how the learning can be attained and how it will be graded. Two such communication investments the District has made include Connect Ed and Power School. Connect Ed is a telecommunication tool that enables us to contact parents in the event of an emergency, provides for community outreach and dissemination of general information to small group contacts. Power School is student information management software that has the ability to allow parents and students to access student data, monitor progress, and keep current with course syllabi.

As I write this report, parents, teachers and administrators are working in committee discussing how to move this initiative forward. Technology is not a panacea for all that we do, and sometimes it brings on new issues, but both initiatives have great potential for keeping stakeholders in our district well informed on a regular and timely basis.

A third investment is in the restructuring of all of the websites across the district. We have made them easier to read, locate and use information. What is probably most important but you can't see is the way we access them internally. We have made them easier to post information so that teachers, staff and administrators can post at their convenience. This is to ensure that the information there is current and timely. Our model has been nationally recognized by Microsoft in their Showcase School of the Month.

The students in our schools continue to show their commitment to learning by earning high marks on the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessments System (MCAS). The District is performing well with 100% of our students passing the tenth grade MCAS, and while we have areas we need to improve, we show continued growth for all but one sub-group (See our entire report online at www.nrsd.net). The District has a curriculum cycle for reviewing, monitoring and implementing new materials or curricula, and this past year a foreign language task force and a science task force were formed.

Our enrollment in the District continues to grow, up four percent from October 2004. Much of our growth is beginning to show in our high school and in the primary grades in all three towns. In Bolton our enrollment at Florence Sawyer Elementary School is 748 for students in Pre-School through grade eight. The District is participating on the Town's Building Needs Committee to address future space needs.

We did see change at all levels, including the departure of our colleague John Antonucci, who became Superintendent of Schools in Westwood in August. We were very fortunate to hire a fine executive, Mr. George P. King, Jr., the Town Manager for the Town of Framingham, as the next Assistant Superintendent of Schools for Finance. He came on board in December 2005.

In addition to all that is happening in our schools, many of our students have been recognized for their accomplishments.

Nashoba Regional High School Honors - Accomplishments for 2005/2006

Massachusetts Lions Club All State Band - R. C. Granger

All New England Band Festival - Scott Hogan and Alicia Maloney

Central District Massachusetts Musicians Educational Association Participants- Natala Betzig, Ashley Owen, Kelly McCue, Ellen Hartford, Daniel Munger, Colleen Mackary, Melissa Babb, Alicia Maloney, and Christina Shea

Wendy's High School Heisman Scholars-Citizen-Athlete Award (NRHS nominees) - Jillian Camilleri and John Neal Hagermoser

Lions Club Regional Speech Contest – Alyse Staake

Burger King Scholar Nominee – Lindsey Garsik

Commended Students in the National Merit Program - Donald Allison, Sarah Case, Francesca Chubb-Confer, William Dawson, Kelsey Fly, Robert Granger, Katherine Moore, Jimmy Qian, Kelly O’Kane

Worcester County Superintendents’ Association Scholar – Scott Sacra

DAR Good Citizen Award – Connor Hogan

Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship Nominee – Lindsey Murray

Toyota Community Scholars Nominee – Natalya Betzig

Princeton Humanities Symposium Nominee – Donald Allison

Prudential Community of Spirit for Outstanding Community Volunteerism – Kelly O’Kane

Boston Globe Scholastic Art Nominations - Joya Smith (portfolio), Emily Coppenrath, Peter Morse, Sam Ewing, Laura Balducci, Sean McCarthy, Hannah Daman, Kristen Caviston, Scott Traylor, Emily Schwarzkopf

Nominated for Art All-State – Tracey Butler and Bethany Slade

Worcester Telegram First Team All-Star for Football - Zach Blanchflower

Nashoba Regional School District continues to serve the citizens of Bolton with distinction and honor.

Respectfully Submitted, Michael L. Wood
Superintendent of Schools

**NASHOBA REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2005**

Lauren Nicole Abele
Hussain Woodcome Aldouri
Ryan Joseph Aldrich
Hunter Richard Amabile
Jonathan Eric Anapol
Liam James Aylward *
Amanda Jane Ayres *
Anna Elizabeth Baccei
Kristina Helena Baker
Eli Thomas Baldwin *
Christopher Hilton Balin
Cassandra Leigh Bates
Sarah Elizabeth Batsford
Andrew Dennis Bawn *
Ross Alan Beyeler *
Samantha Marie Birse
Cody Tabor Blair
Robert Elmore Blanton Jr. *
Timothy Nathan Bolton
Bradford Ray Bonazzoli
Neil Patrick Bonner
Laura Ann Bower *
Joanna Mae Brench
Kenton Earl Brister
Katie Marie Brooks *
Adam Jay Buchinski
Patrick Ryan Burgwinkle *
Carol Elizabeth Caines
Lauren Elizabeth Caissie
Jenny Leigh Caless
Ryan James Camacho
Ryan Christopher Carroll
Kristen Lee Carville
Jessica Lindsay Carwile
Richard James Cataldo
Paul Emmanuel Charles
Allan Denny Cherichel
Lauren Marie Clark *
Sean Michael Collier
Jesse Thomas Conklin
Michael John Cook
James Michael Cost

Andre Lourenco Costa
Teagan Heart Costello
Noelle Barrett Cross
Shayna Renee Cummings *
Danielle Leigh Curll
John Joseph Burke Davey
Rebekah Ilene Dawson
Daniel Bryan Day
Joshua Albert DeBenedetto *
Jewel Anne Della Valle
Jonathan Richard deMello
Alison Elizabeth DeMers
Cable Alexander Dill
Gregory Ryan Dragonetti
Kyle Sullivan Dudley
Jeremy Paul Dusseault
Cassandra Marie Ela *
Christina Marie Evans
Patrick Joseph Farragher
Owen James Fenwick
Timothy Patrick Ferrante
Lauren Marie Ferrechio *
Christopher Hale Fleming
Derek Vincent Flores
Douglas Charles Frazer
Kathleen Elizabeth Fredrickson
Erica Marie Freel
Kaitlyn Elaine Frost
Jeremy Keith Funkhouser
Neha Akemi Garge' *
Andrew Francis Giles III
Daniel Scott Glover
Matthew Thomas Glover
Amy Leigh Gollins
Rebecca Lynne Gould
Laurie Nicole Goyne
Samantha Coddington Grady
Evan Michael Gray
Brittany Renee Hallet
Dietrich Jon Hamcke
Kristen Lynn Harris
Keith Henry Harris

Christopher Thomas Hartford *
Cassandra Joy Hartwell
Jason Scott Hartwell
Bethany Rachel Helfrick
Jack Wilhelm Ho
Katherine Higby Howard *
Jonathan Horgan Hunt
Lore Elisabeth Innamorati *
Melissa Ann Jones
Garrett Michael Jones
Stephanie Lindsay Joseph
Wendell Travis Joseph
Cameron Henry Brandt Kerr *
Margot Flum Kistler *
Mary Kathryn Labenski
Melissa Renee Lauffer *
Sarah Noelle Lelievre
Justin Robert Leonardi
Alexandra Catherine Lynch *
Brooks Redfield MacLeod
Daniel Tolman Mandell *
Richard Craig Manley
Michael Matthew Marchilli
Cassandre Keesha Mathieu
Eben Thomas McCormick
Ryan Patrick McGuane
Caroline Marie McNally
Joseph Michael McNamara *
James Jess Megee
Christie Marie Melanson
Nicole Michele Melanson
Megan Charlene Melone
Caitlin Leigh Miller
Drew Owen Milligan
Stephanie Natasha Milton
Kelly Ann Montalto
Nicole Suzanne Moody
Thomas Christopher Mullane *
Jarra Elizabeth Munger
Richard Kevin Murray *
Gergely Nemeth
Gary Edward Nixon

Jordan O'Connor-Katz
Anthony Michael O'Hare
Katherine Marie O'Kane *
Jonathan Shaughnessy O'Loughlin
Stephen Anthony O'Neil
Seth David Orenstein
Jillian Erika Osvold
Jacquelyn Woodcome Parker
Ryan Christopher Patti
Joseph Newlands Pawelski
Hannah Peduzzi
Stacy Rochelle Pipich
Shannon Tara Plante
Noelle Whitney Plante **
Melissa Ann Poulin
Robert Coughlin Powell
Edward Joseph Powers *
Erin Lorraine Quigley
Benjamin Edward Quirk
Madelline Alexia Quiros
Nicole Marie Rich
Ryan Troy Richardson
Casey Thomas Ruggiero
Andrew Ogilvie Sale
Michael Joseph Sangermano *
Whitney Erin Saunders
Amanda Beajay Savignano
Ashley Beth Schandelmayer
Hilary Kay Schiffer
Harris Joseph Schnare
Justin Aaron Schultz
Lisa Marie Shea *
Leah Elizabeth Shoer *
Pavel Metodiev Simeonov
Marlene Soellner
Allan Christopher Sondey
Amy June Sorabella
Pia Alexandra Specht
Kristin Holmes Squires *
Lea Marleen Stauth
Katherine Marie Stefanis *
Michael Jeffrey Sterling

Elizabeth Jane Taranto *
Matthew Powers Tillo
Kendall Christine Toland
Michael James Traylor
Joshua Parker Trefry
Meghan Elizabeth Troisi
Meredith Ann Troisi
Gregory Joseph Vierkant
Jennifer Vitti
David Mattern Way
Justin Michael Weatherbee
Zachary Randall Weeks
James Thomas Weliver
Jillian Aynsley Whalen
Andrew Mark Wheeler
Alexander Kyle Whitney
William Thomas Wing
Russell Charles Wise Jr.

** Certificate of Completion

* National Honor Society