

# Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education Update

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**Information regarding the current status of the Mansfield Public Schools: items, issues, challenges, and opportunities district staff addressed during the month, as well as upcoming district and school events.**

## Enrollment

Gr.	GW		SE		VN		MMS	
		+/-*		+/-*		+/-*		+/-*
PK	19	1/2	23	3/1	26	8/1		
K	38	3/5	42	0/1	35	2/2		
1	35	3/4	42	1/3	51	3/0		
2	32	3/1	50	3/5	50	3/1		
3	36	3/2	51	1/0	50	2/1		
4	40	2/0	39	2/1	48	3/0		
5							142	6/4
6							141	4/4
7							137	2/3
8							164	5/3
# Boys	107		126		136		300	
# Girls	93		121		124		284	
<b>Total</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>+1</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>+16</b>	<b>584</b>	<b>+3</b>

\*Entries/Withdrawals

- Homeschool year to date total: 7 families with 13 students.

	GW	SE	VN	MMS	District
<b>Immigrant Children*</b>	5	3	2	3	<b>13</b>
<b>ELL**</b>	7	5	3	8	<b>23</b>

\*Eligible immigrant children are defined as a) ages 3-21 enrolled full-time in school, b) not born in any state, c) have not been attending 1 or more schools in 1 or more states for more than 3 full academic years.

\*\*English Language Learners

## Connecticut Mastery Test – Fourth Generation Results

#/% of students at/above goal

Grade	Math	Writing	Reading	Science
<b>3 – 122</b>	96/78.7%	95/77.9%	83/68%	-----
<b>4 – 132</b>	92/69.7%	95/73.1%	89/68.5%	-----
<b>5 – 141</b>	115/81.6%	116/84.1%	109/77.3%	121/85.8%
<b>6 – 136</b>	103/75.7%	92/67.6%	106/78.5%	-----
<b>7 – 159</b>	126/79.7%	125/78.6%	135/86%	-----
<b>8 – 150</b>	150/74.5%	119/78.5%	125/83.9%	127/84.7%

- Students not reaching goal in one or more areas: (current grade)

Gr. 4 – 51/41%	Gr. 7 – 59/43.4%
Gr. 5 – 64/48.5%	Gr. 8 – 49/30.6%
Gr. 6 – 49/34.8%	Gr. 9 – 37/30%

## Budget

- Administered account for additional supplemental instruction that will be held outside the regular school day.
- Participated in follow-up Town Council Budget meeting.
- Prepared and presented proposed budget reductions to MBOE and Town Council.
- Attended Reverse Auction Informational Meeting with Region 19 schools.
- Food Service Comparison:

Aug. – April 2007-2008		Aug. – April 2008-2009	
Paid Meals	Total Meals	Paid Meals	Total Meals
<b>83,881</b>	<b>113,612</b>	<b>79,273</b>	<b>114,138</b>

## Personnel

	Certified	Non-Certified
<b>Retirements</b>	0	0
<b>Resignations</b>	1	0
<b>Requests for Leave</b>	1	2
<b>New Hires</b>	0	0

- Conducted negotiations with Mansfield School Nurses' Association and United Public Service Employees Union.
- Participated in final interviews for Finance Director position.

## District: Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

Including Instructional Technology Applications

- Conducted ninth meeting of Response to Intervention/Scientific Research-Based Interventions (RTI/SRBI) district committee.
- Facilitated curriculum evaluations and school site visits in Math, PE, FCS, and IT with Region 19.
- Continued Study Island software program for all district grade 3 and 4 students to use both at school and at home as the result of a Liberty Bank Grant.
- Received follow-up information and pricing from Dr. Margie Gillis and Margaret Marinelli from Haskins Laboratory and reviewed with principals.
- Facilitated preschool staff meetings for 09-10 program planning.

## Policies

- Investigated need for revision of bullying policy.
- Conducted Wellness Policy Committee meeting to discuss possible policy revisions.

## Building and Grounds

- Attended MMS Fuel Conversion weekly meetings regarding project implementation.
- Organized and conducted school visit committee to Davis Elementary School and Loring Elementary School in Bedford and Sudbury, Massachusetts.
- Monitored resolution regarding rain leaking on occasion into Mansfield Middle School library.
- Continued composting at all 4 schools.
- Continued delivery of Federal Surplus Food Program to all four schools.
- Conducted Facilities Management/Personnel meeting and facilitated the development of a draft Custodial/Maintenance Policies & Procedures Manual.

## Programs

### Liberty Bank Grant – Study Island Through April 25, 2009

Grade 3				Grade 4			
Math		Reading		Math		Reading	
Q*	% Correct	Q*	% Correct	Q*	% Correct	Q*	% Correct
43,848	86.23	18,249	71.17	37,250	84.67	13,735	68.9

\*Number of questions attempted on grade level

## Communication

- Held monthly meetings with bargaining unit leaders.
- Disseminated Administrative Council minutes to all staff.
- Conducted eighth Technology Committee 08-09 meeting via video conferencing from all 4 school locations.
- Continued a request through the district Professional Development Committee for Certified Staff Status Forms.
- Discussed with the Town Manager the development of a budget in brief to be disseminated to all residents.
- Participated in quarterly IT Management meeting.
- Facilitated with Youth Services Department to review programs and participation rates in schools.
- Continued discussion with town and school librarians regarding summer program to provide library books by bus weekly.
- Discussed organization of Regionalization Committee with Region 19 sending superintendents.
- Conducted Professional Development Steering Committee meeting.

## Security

- Received funding of security grant from the Department of Homeland Security and presented improvements to the MBOE.

## Professional Development

- Conducted follow-up training and support AESOP attendance system.
- Sergeant Kodzis will arrange for an officer to be trained in radKIDS later this spring.
- Discussed 2009-2010 Professional Development needs regarding RTI/SRBI, technology, and specific subject areas.

## Technology

### Administrative Applications

- Continued implementation of HealthOffice Software.
- Implemented automated system for recording substitutes.
- Implemented spread sheet submission of winter language arts assessments.
- Continued review of Horizon library system software.

## Energy

- Provided building level data regarding energy usage.
- Implemented school building energy committees.
- Implemented new guidelines for after school building use in an effort to reduce energy consumption.
- Reduced hall lighting in hallways in all 4 schools and some classrooms at MMS.
- Monitored use of energy efficient refrigerators to replace classroom use of small refrigerators.

## Other

- Participated in supplementary meetings of Blueprint for Mansfield's Children Leadership Work Group.
- Attended University Region Superintendent's Association (URSA).
- Attended S&G Public Sector Update & FOI Conference.
- Attended *Rethinking Media Literacy Workshop*.
- Attended CECA Tech Expo which MMS Robotics Team presented.
- Attended 2 UCONN Spotlight on Assessment Colloquia
  - It's Not Just What We Know, But How We Know It and Why We Believe It
  - Exploring Assessment in New Ways Using Husky CT.
- Attended CSDE ARRA Stimulus Package Workshop.
- Attended Vanguard Schools Conference.
- Attended CAPSS Assessment & Accountability and Technology Committee meetings.
- Attended EASTCONN Regional Staff Development Council meeting.
- Attended ACES *Commissioner's Stakeholder – ARRA* meeting.
- Attended Northeast Superintendents' Leadership Council Institute.
- Conducted 3<sup>rd</sup> Mobile Dentist visit to district.
- Directed district response to H1N1 virus.

Additional information will be provided upon request by calling 429.3350 or by emailing [mboesupt@mansfieldct.org](mailto:mboesupt@mansfieldct.org).

## Upcoming Events in May:

*Please join us at any/all of these events*

<b>GW</b>	<b>SE</b>	<b>VN</b>
Sock Hop 5/1/09 6:00pm	SE Goes Galactic Dance 5/1/09	CT State Invention Convention UCONN – Gampel 5/2/09
Book Fair 5/6-8/09 8:30am-3:30pm	Parents' Hour/PTO Meeting 5/4/09 6:00-8:00pm	MMS Visit Gr. 4 5/4/09
Science Fair 5/7/09 6:30-7:30pm	Special Person's Days 5/6-8/09	Bowling Trip Gr. 3 5/8/09
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Goodwin Mileage Club (M&W) 5/1-29/09 12:00-1:00pm	MMS Visit Gr. 4 5/8/09	Hartford Theater Works Gr. 1 FT 5/13/09
Kindergarten Visit Days 5/13-14/09 9:30-11:30am	Mileage for Moms 5/13/09 12:00-1:00pm	Kindergarten Parent Orientation 5/13/09 7:00pm
MMS Visit Gr. 4 5/13/09	Tag Sale 5/16/09	Sturbridge Village Gr. 2 FT 5/18/09
Mystic Aquarium K FT 5/22/09	Project Night 5/27/09 6:30-7:30pm	Celebrate Vinton Assembly 5/21/09 11:15am
Town Meeting 5/26/09 1:15pm	Kindergarten Visit Day 5/28/09 9:00 – 11:00am	Grade 4 Musical 5/28/09 2:15pm and 7:00pm
Fun Fair 5/30/09 10:00am-2:00pm	UCONN Gr. 3 FT 5/28/09	Young Authors' Day 5/29/09
		Fun Fair & Silent Auction 5/30/09
<b>MMS</b>		
MMSA 5/5/09 7:00pm	Spring Band Concert 5/6/09 7:00pm	Spring Orchestra Concert 5/13/09 7:00pm
Getting to Know You Evening Gr. 4 5/14/09 6:30pm	Spring Choral Concert 5/20/09 7:00pm	MMS Band March in Memorial Day Parade 5/25/09 9:00am
Parent Tea Gr. 4 5/26/09 3:30pm	Beginning Band Concert 5/27/09 6:30pm	Great East Adjudication Field Trip 5/29/09
<b>District</b>		
Region 19 Referendum 5/5/09	MBOE Meeting 5/7/09 7:30pm	Annual Town Meeting - MMS 5/12/09 7:00pm
MBOE Spring Retreat 5/21/09 5:30pm	Spring Suzuki Performance 5/30/09 9:30am at MMS	

Attached is our latest update from Rob Miller which is sent to the school administrators, school nurses, and Dr. Kelly on a daily basis on the H1N1 virus. In addition, the attached guidance from the State Department of Education is sent to all certified and non-certified staff once it is received and reviewed by Rob and Dr. Kelly.