

School Board Report
 Epping Middle School & Epping High School
 9-6-11 to 9-15-11

| MS Enrollment | Beginning of Year (B.O.Y) | End of Year (E.O.Y) |
|---------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| 2010-2011 | 222 students | 218 students |
| 2011-2012 | 211 students | TBD (June 2012) |

| HS Enrollment | Beginning of Year (B.O.Y) | End of Year (E.O.Y) |
|---------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| 2010-2011 | 279 | 263 students |
| 2011-2012 | 279 students | TBD (June 2012) |

Universal Signature Page: (See attachment) This year the universal signature page has been a huge success! Two weeks prior to the start of school both the MS & HS sent home important school related information to parents and students via email and regular postal mail. Emails contained a brief message to parents and large attachments such as: the handbooks, Annual Parent Notice of Rights and Policies, Objection to Release Student information, & Free and Reduced meal applications. The mailing sent home contained a student specific demographic page, a health form, as well as the universal signature page.

Computer access for each student was disabled over the summer and through our communications with families it was explained that once students returned the required Universal Signature Page their access would be restored. To date **94%** of the students at the MS & **90%** of HS students have completed and returned all of the required beginning of the year paperwork.

Technology – MS & HS teachers & administration send a very large thank you to the school board and the town for the district’s recent technology acquisitions. Peter Gilligan and Dan Murphy have been very busy rolling out our new technology and their dedication is also appreciated. Pete and Dan are also collaborating with administration to support teachers with various technology workshops planned for an upcoming Professional Development day on September 30th.

Student Jotter update – Teachers spent time during their pre-service days in Student Jotter training workshops. Thelma Thompson led the training for teachers and she will also start training students through their English classes starting next week. Mrs. Thompson’s professionalism, time, and dedication to help roll out this student portfolio application has been

invaluable. By the end of this month all students in both schools will have received training and the ability to store and share work with their teachers and classmates using Student Jotter.

Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment - The start of the year has started with many faculty, team, and department meetings. All teachers have identified and disseminated essential curriculum & skills to their students for each of the classes they teach. PoweSchool® parent portal pages have been updated by teachers to include relevant course information as well as grading policies. These pages will be updated biweekly by teachers.

NECAP Preparation – Both schools are planning and preparing students for NECAP testing coming up in early October. Christine Hebert & John Houlihan are coordinating with our guidance departments to ensure a successful testing experience for all students and staff participating.

School Goals -

EMS – Epping Middle School will support student achievement by developing and implementing an integrated project block during the 2011-2012 school year.

EHS – Epping High School will support student achievement by refining course syllabi, developing authentic assessments, and aligning school to NEASC expectations during the 2011-2012 school year.

NEASC workshop- Wednesday October 12th I will be attending a NEASC showcase of model school programs with a member of each of the high school's departments.

Each participant will attend three 75 minute presentations. During each session there will be a choice of four model school programs. There will also be a lunch-time keynote speaker.

Program Topics will include:

- Personalization (e.g., advisory, senior project, instruction)
- 21st century learning expectations
- Developing and implementing an assessment plan and reporting to parents and the community using school-wide rubrics
- Developing Core Values, Beliefs, and Learning Expectations

- Integrating Technology in the classroom
- Implementing Commission recommendations through an effective follow-up process
- Transitioning from Holistic to Analytic Rubrics

(See attached - NEASC Accreditation Timeline for EHS)

Announcements –

Friday September 16th – EMS will be holding its *Back to School Bash*. This family fun event was created last year by the parent volunteer group at the middle school. The program will run from 3-7pm and include food, games,/activities, and music in a family friendly environment.

Friday September 23rd is Homecoming at the high school. Festivities will begin Friday afternoon with a Pep Rally. Home soccer games will be held Friday afternoon at SUSC followed by a student bonfire at the high school. Saturday will begin with home volleyball matches and football team will close out homecoming weekend with a game beginning at 2pm.