



BARNSTABLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

The faculty, staff and students of Barnstable Public Schools have participated in and witnessed a major redesign of our academic programs over the past year. The impetus for this change was clearly the unprecedented and unfathomable fiscal crisis occurring nationally and locally. Our hope is that the end results of this redesign are well-thought out, educationally sound and student-oriented programs and services. The organizational structure of Barnstable Public Schools for the 2009-2010 school year and into the future will be as follows:

- **A PreK Integrated Program for Special Education** 3 and 4 year olds and the opportunity for peer role models to tuition-in to the program which is housed at Centerville Elementary.
- **Full Day Kindergarten** for All Students
- **Five Elementary Schools** comprised of students in kindergarten through third grades.
 - Centerville Elementary
 - Barnstable-West Barnstable Elementary
 - Hyannis West Elementary
 - The Elementary School at 760 Osterville-West Barnstable Road
(To be named on June 9th)
 - Horace Mann Charter School at the Hyannis East Building
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- **Barnstable Horace Mann Charter School** comprised of Grades 4 and 5.
- **Barnstable Intermediate School** comprised of Grades 6 and 7.
- **Barnstable High School** comprised of Grades 8-12; with the 8th grade program being a more “traditional” team oriented instructional approach in a defined area of the building.

We have sought to focus our energies on using this challenge as a time to address some of our less developed programs and services. These areas include integrating technology into instruction and

student learning, bringing consistency to our curriculum across schools, grades and content areas, and blending service delivery for low performing and special needs students.

Programs and services that you can expect to observe in the 2009-2010 school year include:

- Elementary classes with average teacher-pupil ratios of 22-23.
- Team teaching in grades 6, 7, and 8.
- Advanced placement classes in the high school.
- Drop-out prevention and career education programs in Barnstable High School.
- Gifted and Talented programs in Grades 1-8.
- Enrichment programs in Grades K-12 that include art, music, chorus, theater, physical education, health, foreign language, technology and library.
- After school programs in Grades K-7.
- Intramural sports in Grades 6 and 7.

We have worked very hard to maintain our quality of education. Reducing over 5.5 million dollars creates losses and impacts. I remain concerned with the loss of supplemental education for our students who struggle academically and socially. Teachers will be working harder with more students and less supports. I can only ask that as parents and guardians you work to partner with us so that we are able to meet the needs of your child(ren).

Despite the difficulties and challenges that we have experienced over the past 10 months, we remain strong and committed. Let us all pledge to remain prideful of our school district and determined to ensure success for all.

Enjoy your summer, cherish the time with family, and capitalize upon our surroundings. Cape Cod and Barnstable are special.

Sincerely,

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