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## **Marstons Mills East Elementary Earns National Award** *Local Charter School Named National Demonstration Site*

BARNSTABLE – Marstons Mills East Horace Mann Charter Public School has gained national recognition as a model for comprehensive school improvement.

Accelerated Schools plus™ – a University of Connecticut-based school improvement organization that helps transform schools into accelerated learning environments – chose Marstons Mills East Horace Mann Charter Public School to serve as a National Demonstration Site. Demonstration sites serve as locations researchers, fellow educators, and schools seeking information about the nationally recognized model can see all aspects of the program being successfully implemented. The school will formally receive the award on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

“This is a distinct honor for our school and our community,” said Principal Edward Deusser. “We look forward to sharing our successes with other schools, while we continue to build on our strengths and enhance the learning and achievement for all of our students.”

Marstons Mills East Horace Mann Charter Public School is a unique community of life-long learners. It became the only K-4 Horace Mann Charter School in Massachusetts in 2004. The school adopted the Accelerated Schools plus model for “whole school” reform, which promotes powerful learning and creating a student-centered community that meets student needs, builds on their strengths, and gives them ownership of the process.

Schools chosen as National Demonstration Sites have mastered improvement in student achievement, teaching practices, community involvement, and overall effectiveness.

“The competition was fierce and normally schools that are selected have worked with us for eight years or more. It is remarkable for a school to achieve this recognition in only three years,” said Accelerated Schools CEO, Gene Chasin. “Marstons Mills East Horace Mann Charter Public School Principal Ed Deusser, the teachers, community and students have worked diligently to raise the standard and expectations for performance at the school.”

As a National Demonstration Site, the school may serve as an official visitation site for other schools, present at national conferences, provide instruction at ASP networking meetings and share best practices in powerful learning and instruction.

Gene Chasin, the National Director of Accelerated Schools plus, will present the National Demonstration Site Award to Principal Edward Deusser, along with the Board of Trustees and the entire Marstons Mills East Horace Mann Charter Public School community on **Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:15 p.m.**

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