

In response to the Commission's request that we file a progress report by February 1, 2006, we have addressed each of the recommendations as follows:

**1. Complete the Curriculum Action Plan of 2003-2004 and ensure that resulting curriculum documents prescribe content, integrate relevant school-wide academic expectations from the mission, include course-specific learning goals, and suggest instructional and assessment techniques, including the use of school-wide rubrics**

**Classification:** In Progress

Curriculum work this summer

- English; Math; Social Studies

Curriculum on Workshop days

- Foreign Lang; Social Studies – developing common assessments; Math – reassessing final exams; English – MCAS results; long composition; science – MCAS results on biology, integrating more technology into curriculum – data loggers; Guidance – aligning guidance services to national model; college planning curriculum (Revision); Art – writing curriculum; reviewing what's been taught; music has been reviewing existing and editing
- Main day – district reviewed eng and math

Uniform Syllabi for every course

Protocol for introducing a new course that is being used (using mission and LE)

Added courses in writing, SAT prep; Forensic Science; Music Theory

**2. Provide adequate leadership for the development, review, coordination and articulation of curriculum**

**Classification:** In Progress

Leadership back at Department Chair level for 9-12; supt made attempt to have teams of teachers work on curric over summer break across schools; new asst supt hired to oversee curriculum/instruction K-12

**3. Formulate, implement, and fund a plan for increased professional development to support curriculum development, review and evaluation**

**Classification:** In Progress

\$\$ in budget for curriculum development

We're giving more time on workshop days for curriculum develop

Release days; per hour development

**4. Develop a plan to ensure effective curricular coordination and articulation between and among all academic areas within the school as well as with sending schools in the district**

**Classification:** In Progress

Preliminary attempt in mathematics over summer

Hiring of district-wide arts director

Hiring of district wide health, pe director

- 5. develop a formal professional development program guided by identified instructional needs which provides teachers opportunities to develop and improve their instructional strategies**

**Classification:** In Progress

Departmentally developed

Differentiated instruction for a small group

Survey the faculty and identified student work ethic/effort as significant issue

Planned survey and faculty meeting times; mapped out year; carried out into dept meetings; collaborative groups from last year

- 6. Undertake a review of all courses to determine the extent to which they engage all students in inquiry, problem-solving, and higher order thinking, emphasize depth over breadth, as well as are provided opportunities for the authentic application of knowledge and skills, report findings from the review, and develop a plan and timeline to address identified areas of need**

**Classification:** In Progress

Supervision/Eval training over the summer to help identify these issues through our supervision/eval process; discussed in HS Admin Team meetings; Periodic Updates with suggestions to address identified issues

- 7. Fund and implement the existing mentoring program for new teachers**

**Classification:** In Progress

Still funding just year one; in the discussion stages for year 2

- 8. Ensure the library is adequately staffed, supervised and available to students and teachers both before and after school as well as during the school day**

**Classification:** In Progress

Staffed with teachers on duty given new schedule. It has increased library usage by classes in a significant way

- 9. Assign clear responsibility for leadership of curriculum coordination and integration at the high school**

**Classification:** In Progress

The task has clearly been assigned by the Supt.

OTHER ISSUES PENDING:

Curriculum Development over summer  
Leadership of teams?  
Commitment of teachers to work for full week  
Groups dialoging but not functioning  
Talk with people NOW!

Burlington MA – secret password