

Dover School Committee Special meeting 10/1/09

Present: Darin Correll, Jennifer DaSilva, Carolyn Ringel, Bob Springett, James Stuart

Called to order: 1255

Recent change to morning bus schedule discussed.

MCAS results published on the Massachusetts DOE website discussed.

The following questions for the administration were raised by the committee:

1. Where do you think Chickering should be ranked in the state in terms of MCAS scores?
2. Do we have cohort tracking over the past years – i.e. the same class over time – including the data from 6th grade scores?
3. How do the middle school scores breakdown between former Chickering students vs Pine Hill students?
4. Can you provide MCAS class level data in MCAS format to disaggregate grade level data? (This info can be de-identified just so it can be determined if any patterns of performance exist.)
5. Are students in the Needs Improvement/Warning groups on MCAS identified as struggling beforehand by our internal standards?
6. When students who are struggling are identified what is done to help?
7. What is being done to address the high number of Needs Improvement/Warning students as well as the low number of Advanced? (i.e. should not only try to move NI/W to Proficient, but Proficient to Advanced.)
8. Is there a pattern to the items that are being missed year after year?
9. Do we need to reinstitute common grade level assessments and reporting?

Adjourned: 1455

Respectfully submitted,

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