

Worcester Public Schools  
20 Irving Street, Worcester, Massachusetts 01609

## Media Alert

March 3, 2011

### Who

**Worcester Public Schools Superintendent Melinda Boone** successfully competed for the federal School Redesign Grant to accelerate student performance at Chandler Elementary School and Union Hill Elementary School.

### When

Superintendent Boone received preliminary **notification** of the School Redesign Grant award by Mitchell Chester, Commissioner of Education, and is anticipating official notification on **March 3, 2011**.

### What

Dr. Boone submitted the **District and School Redesign Plans** for evaluation by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) on January 28, 2011. Additionally, DESE conducted interviews of district and school teams as a part of the highly competitive process leading to the award of federal funds to the district. The leadership of Mayor O'Brien, Dr. Boone, Principal Eressy, and Principal Morse supported the district's success. The **Chandler Elementary School three year budget totals \$1,350,000**. The **Union Hill Elementary School three year budget totals \$1,200,000**. Dr. Boone is pleased with the results. She recognizes that these federal resources will accelerate student success at Chandler and Union Hill Elementary Schools as the staff and community work toward achieving the Worcester Compact: *High levels of academic achievement and college / career readiness for every student.*

### Why

Commissioner Chester congratulated Dr. Boone for **submitting strong written proposals that clearly and comprehensively describe the capacity and commitment of the leadership team to implement their Redesign Plan**. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education received an unprecedented number of applications which made this round of funding exceptionally competitive. Grants awards were based on the rigor of the plans and the size of the student population.

### Contact

District and School Redesign Plans are posted on the district website:  
[worcesterschools.org](http://worcesterschools.org)

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