

2015-2016 School Opening Readiness Highlights

Report of the Superintendent
August 20, 2015

Superintendent Evaluation Rubric
Standard I, Indicator I-B, I-E
Standard II, Indicator II-A, II-B
Standard IV, Indicator IV-A, IV-E

Facilities

- MSBA Window Replacement Projects:
 - Nearly all new windows will be installed at Clark St, West Tatnuck and Union Hill schools by school opening. Doorway replacements underway, and all interior work to be completed during non-school hours.
 - Goddard Elementary windows installed in both buildings. Due to size of school, window installation will continue after school starts during non-school hours. Some windows will be temporarily boarded up between removing the old windows and installing new windows. These windows will include fans and a small operable window where needed. All interior and door replacement work will start following window installation.

Facilities

- In-House Projects:
 - Jacob Hiatt - Painting of classrooms, entry way and teachers areas completed.
 - Elm Park - Painting and interior improvements, new front entry railing system on order and fencing repair. New exterior security cameras in the process of installation. Completion expected by the end of next week. Cameras funded through Facilities Budget.
 - Worcester East Middle: Classroom adjacent to science lab renovated with new flooring, paint, and lighting.
 - Other Schools: Over 20 other school projects completed this summer by Facilities staff.

Human Resources and Operations

- Recruiting of teaching and support staff positions - on-going
- 3-Day New Teacher Orientation completed
- Providing free lunch to all WPS students - Community Eligibility Program
- Posting of bus schedules
 - Website
 - Connect Ed Message to Parents/Guardians

School Safety

- School Security Audit - RFP
- On-going meetings with City Manager, Mayor, Chief of Police, District Attorney, and First Juvenile Justice
- School Resource Officer Model Development and Training
- New School Year Meeting with WPD (Deputy Chief, Liaisons, and Gang Unit) and WPS administrators (Principals, Assistant Principals, Central Office Administrators)

Program Enhancements

Program/Service	Description	New Location	Rationale
NCC – Elementary grades 3-5	Students referred to NCC are English Language Learners, newly arrived to country, who have large gaps in education or no formal education.	Students in grades 3 through 5 will be attending Clark Street School – NCC at Clark St.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students will benefit from an educational setting with same age peers with opportunities for integration and language skills development. - Transferring elementary students out of NCC will alleviate overcrowded conditions at the location.
Safety Center – grades 6-12 Located at the Alternative School on Waverly Street	Students referred to the Safety Center typically display volatile and unsafe, and behaviors toward self or others.	Safety Center will be operating at the Central Mass Academy located on Harlow Street.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Transferring the Safety Center to Harlow Street will create additional clinical capability to support the TLC for grades 5-8 students - Safety Center will expand to accommodate grade 6 students
Transition Center Located at the Alternative School on Waverly Street	Students referred to the Transition Center are new to the Worcester Public Schools and lack proper documentation and/or records for placement.	Transition Center will be operating at the Woodward Day School located on McKeon Road.	-WDS can best accommodate students transitioning into the WPS.
TLC – Temporary Learning Classroom Grades 5-8 New Program	Students referred to a TLC program are socially/emotionally dysregulated and in need of substantial clinical intervention.	The TLC for students in grades 5 through 8 will be operating at the Central Mass Academy on Harlow Street.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The program will support middle school students. - Adding capacity for grades 5 and 6 at TLC will increase enrollment capacity for K-4 students at other TLC sites.
Woodward Day School – New: Accepting Grade 6 Students	Students referred to the WDS are long-term suspended due to violation of the Worcester Public Schools' Code of Conduct.	Prerogative of CMSEC.	- Grade 6 students who violate certain Code of Conduct under 37H, 37H ½, and 37H ¾ may be long-term suspended and referred to the WDS