



# Lexington Public Schools

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Lexington School Committee

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## School Committee Goals for 2008-2009

At its meeting on November 3, 2008, the School Committee approved goals for the current school year. The Committee's continuing, overarching goal is to assure that each child in Lexington's public schools receives a high quality education that meets his or her individual needs, while we appropriately control the costs of delivering that education. In each year, the School Committee identifies particular goals which are especially important in that year to realizing the overarching goal. This year's goals are:

1. Work with Superintendent Dr. Paul Ash as he builds on the strong foundations of the Lexington school system and on the work of his past three years, with particular support for recent and new program initiatives including: closing the achievement gap, creating Professional Learning Communities of school staff, using data-based formative assessment to measure what students are actually learning in order to continuously improve teaching practices, introducing tiered interventions, and building and improving our in-house services for students in special education.
2. Continue supporting school capital projects that will ensure the maintenance and safety of the nine schools and the Central Office, and best serve our students and staff.
3. Help the superintendent develop and pass a Fiscal Year 2010 budget that is fiscally responsible and transparent, and that will maintain Lexington's high quality educational program for all students; communicate and advocate for the needs of the schools' operating and capital budgets to the community. A high priority, if the current economic challenges and uncertainties allow for it, is the development of 3-year budget projections.
4. Appoint a new School Committee sub-committee to examine, update, and propose new School Committee policies, including a policy for the use of security cameras in school buildings.
6. Negotiate financial and other contractual settlements with units of our represented employees that assure fair and appropriate compensation packages within the financial means of the Town.
7. Encourage the superintendent in his efforts to pursue a survey of recent Lexington High School graduates, and funding for such a survey, which will help the School Department understand the strengths and address the weaknesses in the preparation of our students for further education and career development. (We hope to follow up in the next year with a similar survey of graduates' parents.)
8. Develop informal contacts with current parent groups (PTAs, site councils, etc.) to share our work and listen to their concerns.

School Committee meetings are open to the public (please consult the Lexington Town Calendar for dates, times, and locations), and we welcome questions, comments, and suggestions about our goals and our actions. At the end of the year, we will evaluate our performance based on these goals.

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