

District Newsletter

Hampton School District

Fall 2011

SAU 90 Opens for Business

The recently formed SAU (School Administrative Unit) 90 formally began the work of providing support to the Hampton School District on July 1st. The Hampton School Board held a ribbon cutting ceremony as part of the open house for the community. The SAU 90 office is located in the Adeline Marston School with a separate entrance on the west side of the building.

The office is staffed with a Superintendent, Business Administrator, Administrative Assistant and a part time accountant for accounts payables/receivables and payroll.

Many citizens inquire about the tasks that are performed by the SAU office staff. The answer is multi-faceted and focuses on budget, curriculum and instruction, assessment, personnel, policy and layers of reporting at the local state and national level. In addition to the many components of the school operations, the SAU will support School Board goals and objectives, ensure policies are implemented and most importantly be responsive to community needs.

During the year this newsletter will be published quarterly to provide information to the community.

Upcoming Events

October 25 2011 ~ Facilities Forum - 7:00 PM
Building Tours - 6:30 PM

The Hampton School Board will host a forum to discuss the facility needs of Hampton Academy for grades 6-8. The presentation will review recent studies completed on the programs and building infrastructure. In addition, the school board is interested in receiving input from the community about next steps.

School Board Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. The meetings are held in the Town Office beginning at 7:00 PM. Meetings are broadcast live on Channel 22 and are also recorded for community information.

The School Board has set aside dates to prepare the school district budget for Budget Committee review and eventual placement on the March ballot.

Budget Meetings will be held on October 4, and 27 at 7:00 PM and broadcast on Channel 22.

Staff Highlight

Nathan Lunney, Business Administrator
Hampton School District – SAU 90

Academic Accomplishments:

BS, Business Administration, Finance, and Public Relations
from University of Maine
MBA from University of New Hampshire

Professional Affiliations/Community Involvement:

I have enjoyed many years with the Maine, New Hampshire, Tri-State, and International ASBO associations and events. I joined NHSAA in 2003. I currently serve as Treasurer for the Great Bay eLearning Charter School. I have also participated in ongoing school and community efforts to address school facilities needs in Newmarket where I live.



Municipal Service:

I am excited to be a part of the establishment of the new SAU 90 in Hampton. Prior to this position, I served from 2003-2011 as Chief Financial Officer for SAU 16 in Exeter. Previous to working for SAU 16, I had been with Advanced Data Systems since 1994, a vendor providing accounting software services to school and municipal offices.

Person Admired Most and Why:

My father, Col. Dennis D. Lunney, Ret., served his community, state, and nation in uniform for more than 42 years from his earliest opportunity until his proscribed retirement. As a child I enjoyed the benefit of his ability to balance work and life in offering love and attention to his family. As an adult I observed his outstanding capacity to lead people and manage organizations. I am inspired by the enormity of his contribution to our local town, school, and church entities and our community in general. I have been truly blessed by his loving friendship, mentoring, and support of me, as I have grown as a father, professional, and man.

Who/What Inspired Working in the Public Sector:

My father's public service certainly impacted me. Additionally, my career start as a professional director with the YMCA introduced me to working with the public. It was my pleasure to serve under Elanna Clark, YMCA Executive

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Director, who offered a daily example of what it is to work with and for the community. I watched her attend and participate in activities of the schools, recreation department, social service organizations, and even local higher education. It impressed me that my job might one day revolve around the kids and families of my community. Working in the public schools has become my version of that vision. Today I take a right out of my office and immediately smile at a room full of third graders. Now that's a job!

Last Book Read: *School Leadership That Works* by Marzano and *Outliers: The Story of Success* by Gladwell

Hobbies: Music motivates...I need a baby grand piano. Basketball, swimming, hiking and biking may yet bring me health. My kids thankfully run me ragged, and technology never ceases to amaze me.

Favorite Quote: "There is more to life than increasing its speed." ~ Mahatma Gandhi

Teacher Recognition

The Hampton School District was proud to have one of the teachers recognized as a finalist for the prestigious "New Hampshire Teacher of the Year Award". Mr. Gus Carlson, Music teacher at the Marston Elementary School was one of 5 finalists statewide selected by a committee of peers and education officials. Mr. Carlson is a graduate of the Berkley School of Music in Boston and has recently received his Masters of Education from Leslie College in Arts Integration in the Curriculum. It was evident from the start that Mr. Carlson's love of teaching permeates every aspect of his professional life. His knowledge, creativity, and passion for music is demonstrated each day by the lessons he teaches and the excitement children have for music. Gus believes in giving students an education that allows students to experience or live the curriculum in meaningful ways. A major focus for Gus as an educator has been to integrate the entire curriculum into the daily lessons.

The district is very fortunate to have Mr. Carlson as a member of the Marston staff. We know the children enjoy his class and look forward to his music class each week.

Dress 4 School Success

Dress 4 School Success was begun by two young ladies with an idea to help others. In thinking about what to do to achieve a Silver Award from the Girl Scout Program they wanted to help their peers. As a result the "Dress 4 School Success" Program was launched. The goal is to collect enough

clothing to provide all of the children in Hampton, NH that are in need, with clothing for the school year.

The initial collection and distribution was a huge success. Clothing has been distributed to well over 60 students. The clothing drive continues and contributions are now being taken for winter clothing. Contributions can be left in marked containers at Centre School, Marston School, Hampton Academy and the Lane Memorial Library.

Clothing can be accessed confidentially through our district Outreach Worker, Kerry Woodilla. She can be reached at Hampton Academy (926-2000) on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, Marston School (926-8708) on Tuesday

and Thursday, via email at kwoodilla@sau90.org, or through the Dress 4 School Success website, www.dress4schoolsucces.org.

For more information feel free to contact Kerry Woodilla at any time or through www.dress4schoolsucces.org.

Technology Grant

Under the leadership of Sara Stetson, Director of Pupil Services and Carla Smith, Technology Director the Hampton School district secured a \$6,000 grant called *Animating Understanding*. The project, described below, is being implemented in Mr. Doherty's 8th grade Language Arts class.

What makes a work of literature unique? Eighth grade students at Hampton Academy breathe life into their reading using computer animation to answer this question. Working on the mobile computer animation lab, students explore grade level literature and animate the essential features of the literary piece. To facilitate the animation process, students are trained in storyboarding in a three-day residency by author/illustrator Roger Essley. The subsequent training of staff and students using SAM animation software and flexible webcams is fast and efficient, with a high level of proficiency occurring within an hour long training session. It is the goal of this endeavor that students will master a variety of required skills including identifying subplots, symbols, and themes, as well as analyzing character development and the characteristics of particular genres and author styles through this process.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Centre School Preschool – Grade 2
Timothy Lannan, Principal 926-8706

Marston Elementary Grades 3 – 6
Lois Costa, Principal 926-8708

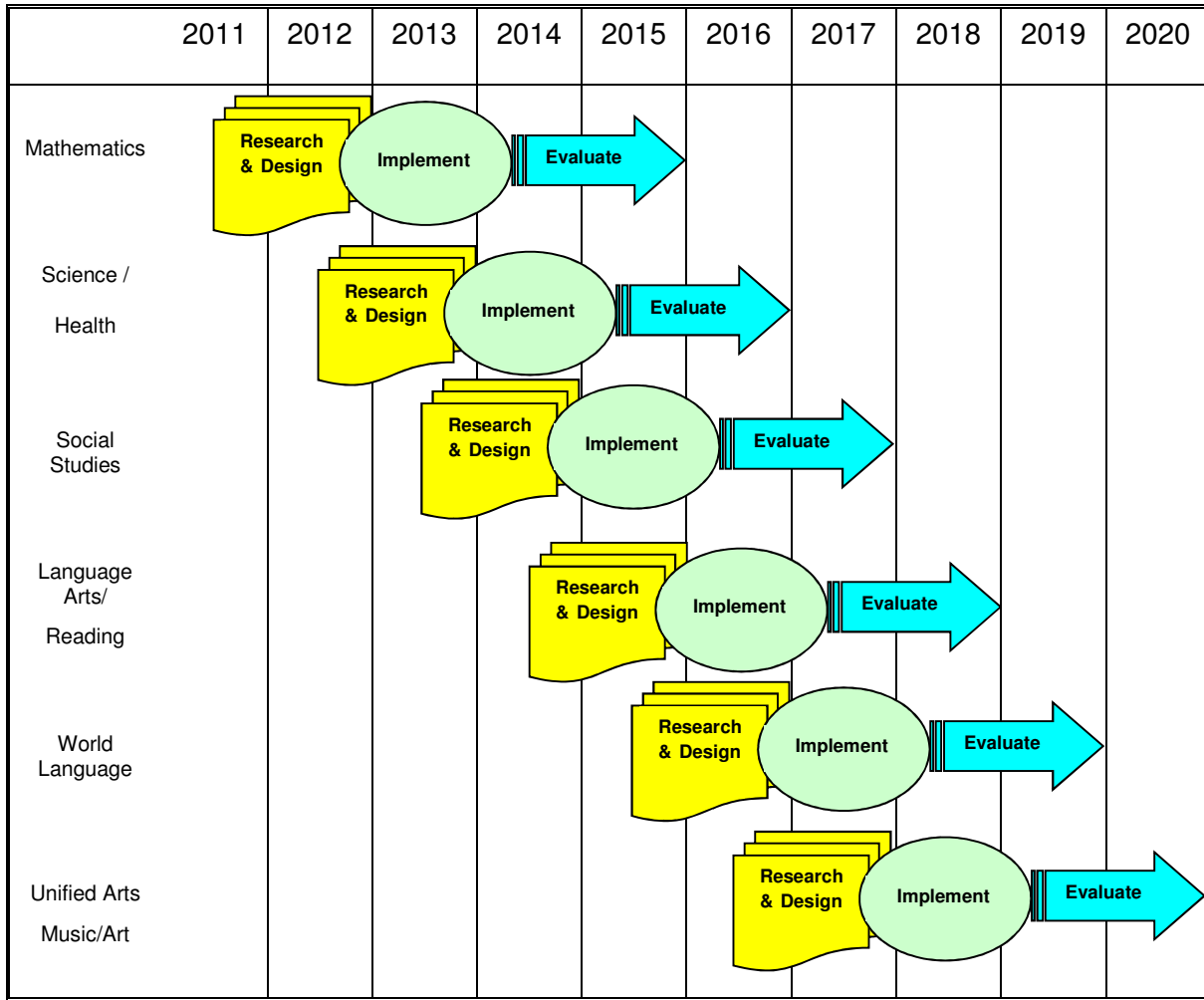
Hampton Academy Grades 6 – 8
David O'Connor Principal 926-2000

SAU 90

Kathleen Murphy, Superintendent 926-4560
Nathan Lunney, Business Administrator 926-4560

Sara Stetson, Director of Pupil Services 926-8788
Keith Lessard, Facilities Director 926-8708
Carla Smith, Technology Director 926-2000
Mary Borg, Director of Food Services 926-8708

District Curriculum Cycle



August 10, 2011

The Hampton School Board adopted a five year cycle curriculum review cycle for the district. Each year a curriculum committee will review and assess the needs of programs in content areas. The work of the committee will begin in the area of mathematics and will continue as shown in the chart above.

District Goals

1. To achieve 100% student proficiency as measured by NECAP and NWEA standardized tests in the core subject areas.
2. To promote collaborative and cooperative communication with all district stakeholders including parents, students, staff, and community.
3. To create a 5-year Capital Improvement Plan.
4. To align financial resources with desired academic outcomes.
5. To ensure that the district's schools are safe and secure learning environments.

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Staff Position Changes

The Hampton School District is pleased to welcome new educators to the 2011-12 faculty.

Centre School

Michaela Hardy Kindergarten
 Melinda Patrick Grade 1
 Michelle Witt Grade 1
 Laura Theobald Job-Share Speech & Language Path

Marston

Lyndsey Boutin Grade 3
 Jana Goldstein Grade 3
 Jenny Houston Art

Hampton Academy

Jessica Scalzi Grade 6 Language Arts
 Joseph Vaillincourt Grade 7 Science
 Jillian Cauthorn Instrumental & General Music
 Rachel Gillis Health

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