

## SECTION III

### PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES UPDATE

Supervisor of Pupil Personnel Services Nancy Houle continues to work directly with schools on various student programs and has also worked closely with the Central Office staff to coordinate programs District-wide. Supervisor Houle oversees the MA Municipal Medicaid Program which coordinates claims by local education authorities for partial federal reimbursement of qualifying direct health services provided to MassHealth members in schools, and of administrative support expenditures incurred in providing those services. This year Supervisor Houle, with the assistance from the Finance Office, worked with UMass to amend a number of previously submitted claims. The amendments netted the District an additional \$21,336.24. Total administrative claim reimbursement from June, 2008 through April of 2009 is \$456,408.60, with additional reimbursements yet to come.

Through the Pupil Personnel office, several programs are made available to the District schools. The Safe, Drug-Free and Disciplined Schools and Communities grant is a federally-funded initiative to support local programs that prevent violence in schools; prevent the illegal use of alcohol, tobacco and drugs; involve parents; and coordinate with related federal, state, and community efforts and resources. Programs must be based on the principles of effectiveness, which include: objective analysis of need; goals and measurable objectives (with assistance of local advisory council); proven and effective strategies; and on-going program evaluation. The District schools use the SecondStep®, Responsive Classroom® and Aggressors, Victims and Bystanders® curricula. There is a new Second Step curriculum designed especially for 6th, 7th and 8th graders that

focuses specifically on the prevention of violence, bullying and substance abuse. The District was awarded \$18,124.00 in grant funding to support efforts to maintain safe and drug-free schools for students. The majority of funding will be for materials, specifically classroom kits for PreK-5th grades. Teachers and principals report that SecondStep and Responsive Classroom are both well received.

The Supervisor worked throughout the year with the Administrator of Special Education Harrington and Director of Operations McCall to develop, implement and monitor the District's Corrective Action Plan, a response to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Coordinated Program Review. In order to comply fully with Civil Rights and English Language Learner regulations, the District had to provide an abundance of information.

This year, the District received a \$5,000.00 mentoring grant from the Department of Public Health. The District accepted the partnership with Hudson Public schools, and was able to fund professional development for some of our nurses.

The Supervisor prepares and submits a number of reports including: FY School Choice Claim Form, FY School Choice Special Education Cost Calculation Report, Annual Homeless Students Report, New England School Development Council (NESDEC) Report, and Students Attending-Other Report. A majority of these reports provide information used by the DESE to calculate financial reimbursement to the District.

#### District Students Educated Outside the District Schools

<b>Eight hundred eighty (880) K-12 students attend schools outside the District.</b>		
<b>Parochial Schools (not including Other Private)</b>		<b>379</b>
<b>Vocational Technical Schools (including Agricultural)</b>		<b>180</b>
<b>Private Schools (not including Parochial)</b>		<b>159</b>
<b>Other Public Schools (not including Charter Schools)</b>		<b>119</b>
<b>Charter Schools (not including Other Public Schools)</b>		<b>43</b>