



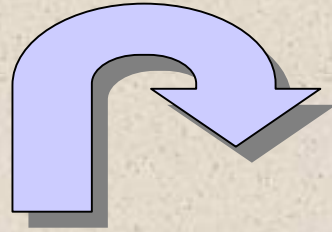
New England Association of Schools and Colleges

Commission on Public Secondary Schools (CPSS)

Abington High School

Where are we now?

February 23, 2010



March 2009	Decennial visit by team
July 2009	Budget reduction of \$333,887
September 2009	Substantive Change Report #1
October 2009	Budget reduction of \$164,073
November 2009	Receipt of “continued accreditation” letter (<i>based on March 2009 visit</i>)
December 2009	Substantive Change Report # 2
January 2010	Commission meeting
February 2010	Receipt of “warning status” letter

August 1, 2010	Special Progress Report Due
September 2010	Commission Meeting

July 2009 Reductions
Substantive Change Report: September 2009

- **.2 (FTE) School Psychologist**
- **Library Aide (15-hour)**
- **In-School Suspension Proctor**
- **Computer Liaison**
- **1 Special Education Teacher**
- **2 Special Education Paraprofessionals**
- **1 Special Education Tutor**
- **1 Wellness Teacher**
- **1 Art Teacher**
- **1 Mathematics Teacher**
- **1 Science Teacher**
- **.4 (FTE) English Teacher**
- **Club Advisors: Amnesty International, Assistant Marching Band Director, Color Guard, Winter Guard, International/HYI Club, Interact Club, Mathematics Team, Freshman Class Advisor, Sophomore Class Advisor, Ultimate Frisbee Club**
- **User Fee increase to \$150 per sport, \$450 family cap**
- **Freshman and Junior Varsity Athletics (since funded by Greenwave Boosters Club)**

October 2009 Reductions

Substantive Change Report: December 2009

- Department Heads and Directors
- .2 (FTE) Librarian (1/5)
- .4 (FTE) Guidance Counselor (2/5)
- .6 (FTE) Art Teacher (3/5)
- .4 (FTE) Mathematics Teacher (2/5)
- .4 (FTE) Science Teacher (2/5)
- .4 (FTE) English Teacher (2/5)
- .4 (FTE) Social Studies Teacher (2/5)
- .4 (FTE) Business Teacher (2/5)
- User Fees increase from \$150 to \$250 per sport (no cap)
- Three Professional Development days furloughed

Actions that CPSS can take:

1. Continued Accreditation: Two year Progress Report
2. Continued Accreditation: Special and Two-Year Progress Report requested- *Received **NOVEMBER 2009***
3. Continued Accreditation: Placed on Warning with Special and Two year Progress Reports requested
*Received **FEBRUARY 2010***
4. Continued Accreditation: Show Cause for Probation

“A warning indicates that there are deficiencies in adherence to one or more of the standards.”

(Community Resources for Learning and
School Resources for Learning)

“Probation indicates that the school is failing to adhere to one or more of the standards.
Probation is a public status/on the web.”

Massachusetts schools on probation, February 2010
(Of the 256 Massachusetts NEASC accredited secondary schools)

Beverly High School, Beverly, MA -- May 2003 for Curriculum, Instruction, and Community Resources for Learning

David Prouty High School, Spencer, MA -- June 2008 for Assessment for Student Learning, School Resources for Learning and Community Resources for Learning

East Bridgewater High School, East Bridgewater, MA -- June 2009 for Curriculum and Community Resources for Learning

Haverhill High School, Haverhill, MA -- September 1999 for Curriculum, Instruction, and Community Resources for Learning

Holbrook Junior-Senior High School, Holbrook, Ma -- January 2006 for Curriculum, School Resources for Learning, and Community Resources for Learning

Maynard High School, Maynard, MA -- March 2006 for Curriculum, School Resources for Learning, and Community Resources for Learning

Randolph High School, Randolph, MA -- January 2008 for Mission and Expectations for Student Learning, Curriculum, Instruction, and School Resources for Learning

Rockland High School, Rockland, MA -- October 2007 for Curriculum and Community Resources for Learning

Southbridge High School, Southbridge, MA -- May 2005 for Curriculum and Community Resources for Learning

Uxbridge High School, Uxbridge, MA -- May 2004 for Curriculum and Community Resources for Learning

The concerns that prompted the warning status include, but are not limited to the following:

- the reduction of the certified librarian's time at the high school to four days a week,
- the reduction of one of the school's three guidance counselor's position to three days a week,
- the inability of the school to ensure that a student in need of counseling services receives those services in a timely and appropriate manner,
- the negative impact of the reduction of \$497,960 in the operating budget resulting in the elimination of all directors/department heads, and either the loss or reduction of 19 teaching or support positions.
- the furloughing of all building administrators, faculty and support staff for three days during the school year, resulting in the reduction of professional development days, and
- the increased user fees for students participating in interscholastic sports and marching band and the failure to fund nine co-curricular positions and freshmen and junior varsity athletics.

In addition, the Commission outlined thirteen (13) recommendations to be addressed by August 1, 2010 in a Special Progress Report and a total of fifty-four (54) to be addressed in the October 1, 2010 Special Progress Report.