



SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Southern Berkshire Regional School District 2007-2008 Annual Report

During the 2007-08 school year, the Southern Berkshire Regional School District celebrated academic success in mathematics which ranked the District 2nd in Berkshire County for student performance. Student performance in language arts, science, and social studies, combined with math, makes SBRSD highly desirable for parents seeking academic excellence for their students. Student performance is reported by the Massachusetts Department of Education (MADOE) Report Card and can be viewed on the SBRSD Web page at www.sbrsd.org. Congratulations to the students, teachers, administrators and staff who consistently strive for excellence.

On December 1, 2007, the MADOE, per the recently amended 603 CMR 41, became the District's overseer for finances. The Commissioner of Education also charged the School Committee to do a study and submit their findings and conclusions to him by December 1, 2008. The three issues to be studied are:

- Elementary school consolidation;
- Participation in the state Group Insurance Commission program;
- Consolidation of central office operations with one or more neighboring districts under a superintendency union.

The District has been working to address all three issues, and welcomes the opportunity to formalize the study and prepare a report.

FY 2009 Proposed Budget:

In March of 2008, unable to attain the 2/3 majority necessary to send the proposed FY 2009 budget to the taxpayers, the School Committee submitted its budget (passed by a 6-3 vote) to the Commissioner of Education for amendments, additions, or approval. The Commissioner approved sending a budget in the amount of \$14,985,438 to the towns to request the taxpayers' approval at their annual town meetings. The budget will be assessed to the towns using the statutory method.

2007-2008 Student enrollment increased slightly. The District continues to reflect on successful practices and strives to improve the public relations.

The New Marlborough faculty and parents continue to successfully promote their school and attract new students. New Marlborough Central is open as a full multi-age PreK-4 school. Teachers worked over the summer to prepare the curriculum and have participated in relevant professional development throughout the year.

Future Farmers of America (FFA) created an exciting stir throughout the middle school and high school. A proposal was submitted and approved by the superintendent and school committee to bring goats and ducks on campus to expand the agricultural hands-on learning experience.

Community members associated with agriculture were invited to attend a meeting as advisors. Mt. Everett was pleased to welcome over twenty members of the community, including many alumni.

Mt. Everett and Undermountain students take the care of the environment seriously. Students raised salmon and successfully released them in the waterways of the Berkshires. It is a great learning project that united our students for an important resource.

KiDmocracy sent the Superintendent to Egypt as an ambassador to meet with administrators, educators in Alexandria, Cairo, Luich. The Superintendent introduced Egyptian students to Mt. Everett and the U.S.A. at six schools located in Cairo and Alexandria.

Students and teachers from Egypt spent two weeks with Mt. Everett middle school families. The importance of building global understanding and relationships is critical to the education of our children.

Mr. Devoti, Mt. Everett Principal, and Mr. Mike Farmer, KiDmocracy Coordinator, also traveled to Egypt to work on establishing a sister program with one of Egypt's most interesting and excellent schools. The headmaster/principal approved in theory of the concept of an ongoing exchange. Mr. Devoti & Mr. Farmer have developed the concept and details and will work with AERHO to advance this opportunity.

The School Committee proactively supported the faculty and administration through the budget process on the issues of a full-time math coach. SBRSD looks forward to an innovative model which will help teachers and students.

The District has implemented a new software program for curriculum. The ATLAS program allows teachers to take previous work and cut and paste it into this new format. It is expected this will maximize the teachers' time and focus all work that can be accessed across grade levels -- another exciting technological advancement.

Personnel Transitions:

The District welcomed the following staff members in 2007-08:

Stephen Antil	7-8 Science Teacher, Mt. Everett
Debora Cole-Duffy	Assistant to the Elementary Principal, District
Kimberly Cormier	Elementary Teacher, Undermountain
Annalee Dixon-Riley	Special Education Paraprofessional, Undermountain
Anne Dunn	Grade 6 Teacher, Undermountain
Ryan Gaisford	Middle School Caseworker (Special Education), Mt. Everett
Robin Goldberg	Language Lab Teacher (Special Education), Undermountain
Luis Grijalva	Night Custodian, Undermountain/Mt. Everett
Brandon Harms	Language Lab Teacher (Special Education), Undermountain
Susan Hawkins	Autism Specialist, Mt. Everett
Elsa Izaguirre	Special Education Paraprofessional, Mt. Everett
Lori Koperek	Special Education Paraprofessional, Undermountain
Eric Korbel	Night Custodian, Undermountain/Mt. Everett
Kathleen Lynch	Guidance Counselor, Mt. Everett
Carrie Mead	Special Education Paraprofessional, Undermountain
Mohamedou Moustapha	French Teacher, Mt. Everett
Claudia Ooley	English Language Learner Program, Undermountain (pt. time)
Susanne Petrucci	Family and Consumer Science Teacher, Mt. Everett
Brian Proper	Night Custodian, Undermountain/Mt. Everett
Ashley Rote	Grades 2-3 Teacher, New Marlborough Central
Angela Spitia	Elementary/Middle School Spanish Teacher

We are grateful for the services of the staff members who left our employ during the past year and wish them all good luck in their new endeavors. A very special thank you to our retirees: Anne Kennedy (38 years), Elementary Teacher, Laura Ponkos (31 years), Elementary Teacher; Peggy Muskrat (20 years), Elementary Teacher; Eric Blackburn (15 Years), 7-12 Music/Band Teacher; Maureen Haugh (25 Years), Elementary Secretary at New Marlborough Central School, and C. William Dunsay (33.5 years), Elementary Teacher at New Marlborough Central School. Their hard work and dedication to our students will be greatly missed for a very long time.

A special note of thanks also goes to Robert Law (16 years), Andrea Scott (11 years), and Ron Kimball (9 years) for contributing their talents toward making our schools the best possible for our children and contributing to the long-term stability of the District's staff.

Julie Barros	7-8 Language Arts Teacher, Mt. Everett
Eric Blackburn	7-12 Band/Music Teacher, Mt. Everett
Kimberly Cormier	Elementary Teacher, Undermountain
Charles Coughlin	Technical Paraprofessional, District
C. William Dunsay	Grades 2-3 Teacher, New Marlborough Central
Stephanie Duquette	Special Education Paraprofessional, New Marl. Central
Ryan Gaisford	Middle School Caseworker (Special Education), Mt. Everett
Robin Goldberg	Language Lab Teacher (Special Education), Undermountain
Brandon Harms	Language Lab Teacher (Special Education), Undermountain
Maureen Haugh	Elementary Secretary, New Marlborough
Anne Kennedy	Grade 5 Teacher, Undermountain
Ronald Kimball	Grade 4 Teacher, Undermountain
Eric Korbel	Night Custodian, Undermountain/Mt. Everett
Robert Law	Community Relations/Performing Arts Coordinator
Krista Lopes	Salad Bar Cook, Undermountain/Mt. Everett
Brian Proper	Night Custodian, Undermountain/Mt. Everett
Andrea Scott	Assistant to the Elementary Principal, District
Valerie Spriggs	Superintendent

School Committee Members, 2007-08:

Alford:	Ms. Linda Silvestri
Egremont:	Mr. Stephen P. Willig Dr. Heidi C. Zorn
Monterey:	Ms. Deborah D. Mielke, Vice Chair
New Marlborough:	Mr. Herb Abelow, Chair Mr. Robert M. Twing, Jr.
Sheffield:	Mr. Jack Pollitt Mr. Dek Tillett Ms. Susan B. Young Mr. David J. Steindler

**SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE REGIONAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES,
EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCES -
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

	General Fund	Stabilization Fund	School Choice Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:					
Member town assessments (operating)	9,301,568				9,301,568
Member town assessments (capital)	820,936				820,936
Charges for services	154,047			1,098,565	1,252,612
Intergovernmental:					
State aid	3,701,828		638,616		4,340,444
State and federal grants	39,521			1,057,991	1,097,512
Departmental	859				859
MTRB on-behalf payments	1,210,605				1,210,605
Contributions and donations				26,095	26,095
Investment income	107,679	3,967		2,467	114,113
Total Revenues	15,337,043	3,967	638,616	2,185,118	18,164,744
Expenditures:					
Current:					
Instruction:					
Regular	5,140,648			597,223	5,737,871
Special Education	1,455,074			494,167	1,949,241
Support Services:					
Administration	555,787				555,787
Business operations	3,449,513		923,127	207,511	4,580,151
Buildings and grounds	1,013,553				1,013,553
Food Costs	30,600			314,577	345,177
MTRB on-behalf payments	1,210,605				1,210,605
Student activities	86,066			578,749	664,815
Debt Service:					
Principal	1,710,000				1,710,000
Interest	294,975				294,975
Total Expenditures	14,946,821	0	923,127	2,192,227	18,062,175
Excess of Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	390,222	3,967	(284,511)	(7,109)	102,569
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
Operating Transfers In		25,000	350,000	21,563	396,563
Operating Transfers Out	(396,563)				(396,563)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(396,563)	25,000	350,000	21,563	0
Net Change in Fund Balances	(6,341)	28,967	65,489	14,454	102,569
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year	878,402	91,326	80,661	303,643	1,354,032
Fund Balances, End of Year	872,061	120,293	146,150	318,097	1,456,601

Calculation of FY08 Operating and Capital Assessments

OPERATING & TRANSPORTATION ASSESSMENT (Statutory Method)

Total Operating & Transportation Assessments:	9,301,570	
Minimum Required Contribution:	7,019,446	<i>allocated amounts provided by the State</i>
Amount Above Minimum:	2,282,124	<i>allocated by percentage of rolling ave. enrollment</i>

Rolling Average Enrollments

Alford	51.75	5.36%
Egremont	123.25	12.77%
Monterey	83.95	8.70%
New Marlboro	179.00	18.54%
Sheffield	527.45	54.64%
	965.40	100.00%

	FY08 Required Contribution per State Notification	Plus Share of Remainder Based on Per Pupil Rolling Average	Total Allocation
Alford	\$346,351	\$122,333	\$468,696
Egremont	\$1,013,930	\$291,353	\$1,305,313
Monterey	\$679,234	\$198,451	\$877,705
New Marlboro	\$1,469,704	\$423,141	\$1,892,652
Sheffield	\$3,510,227	\$1,246,847	\$4,757,203
	\$7,019,446	\$2,282,124	\$9,301,570

CAPITAL ASSESSMENT (Regional Agreement)

Total Capital Assessment: \$820,936

FY08 CAPITAL ASSESSMENTS	FY06 EQV	% of Total EQV	TOTAL FY08 CAPITAL
ALFORD	204,053,400	9.75%	80,069
EGREMONT	417,822,500	19.97%	163,950
MONTEREY	460,616,800	22.02%	180,742
NEW MARLBOROUGH	456,833,200	21.84%	179,257
SHEFFIELD	552,811,500	26.42%	216,918
TOTAL	2,092,137,400	100.00%	820,936

Southern Berkshire Regional School District
October 1, 2007 Enrollment by Town

	Alford	Egremont	Monterey	New Marlboro	Sheffield	Mt. Wash	Choice	Tuition	Totals
Pre	0	5	4	7	12			2	30
K	2	5	7	12	45		16		87
1	0	5	2	13	39		7		66
2	0	4	3	13	30	4	10		64
3	1	11	2	16	22	1	5		58
4	2	3	6	10	39	2	8	1	71
5	2	8	2	8	45	2	6		73
6	0	5	4	7	41		9		66
7	2	5	1	11	32	1	7		59
8	4	7	2	12	49	1	13	1	89
9	0	9	1	13	36		7	1	67
10	4	3	0	7	28	2	6		50
11	2	5	2	17	34		1		61
12	3	5	0	8	27	1	4	2	50
Total	22	80	36	154	479	14	99	7	891

Note: These numbers include all PreK students. [Only PreK students with special needs are charged to our towns. Parents pay \$1,350 per year tuition for regular education students and provide transportation. The PreK school day is 2 1/2 hours.]

For 2007-08, the numbers of PreK students who will not be included in the rolling average used to calculate assessments are as follows: Egremont - 3; Monterey - 4; New Marlborough - 5; and Sheffield - 10.

Southern Berkshire Regional School District
October 1, 2007 Enrollment by School and Grade

Grade	School:	UME	NMC	Egremont	Monterey	Mt. Everett
PK	Total	17	13			
K	87	56	12	13	6	
1	66	46	13	7		
2	64	49	15			
3	58	43	15			
4	71	58	13			
5	73	73				
6	66	66				
7	59					59
8	89					89
9	67					67
10	50					50
11	61					61
12	50					50
Totals:	891	408	81	20	6	376



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Mt. Everett Regional School *Class of 2008*

Joseph Matteo Báez
Elizabeth Gabrielle Brazie
Dustin Allen Briggs
Michael W. Capasse
Willa Dorji Cary
Hannah Jean Chamberlain
▪Alexander Michael Dominic Crawford
▪Danielle Martine Dillon
Amber Gwendolyn Drake
Heather Kristine Ferrin
*Kayla Venetia Fraser
Max Daniel Jamieson
Jalanna M. Jones
Scott W. Kahlstrom
Cody Dewitt Kern
Sierra Catherine King
Nicole Carol Lopes
*Madeleine Rose Maggio
*Erin R. Mahoney
Paige A. Malin
Brendan Michael McGonagle
Walter James McTeigue
Hannah Marie Moriarty

* Mitchell H. Moulton
Alexander Theiss Petrucci
Derek James Pontier
Ashley M. Pothul
▪Samantha Caterina Riiska
Jordan Scott Rote
Morgan A. Rote
Julian Mark Schoonmaker
Kyle Alden Schuler
Elaina Rose Strampach
Parit Suvanarat
Cassie Michelle Tighe
*Madeline Jean Tomich
*Chelsea Elizabeth Torrico
Ryan William Ullrich
Elizabeth Molly Ury
*Arielle Frances LeGeyt Van Deusen
Connor Langdon Vosburgh
Corey Alan Wampler
Tracy Marie Wilkinson
Erik Michael Wright
Matthew Alexander Wright
Molly A. Ziegler

*Denotes National Honor Society

▪Denotes Cum Laude and National Honor Society