

Regular Meeting - REVISED  
Tuesday, October 16, 2012 7:00 PM Eastern

Bloomfield Board of Education 1133 Blue Hills  
Avenue Board Room  
1133 Blue Hills Avenue  
Bloomfield, CT 06002

1. Establishment of a Quorum and Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Opening Statement
4. Consent Agenda
  - 4.A. Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting - September 11, 2012
5. Presentation
  - 5.A. Introduction of Board of Education Student Representatives - Bloomfield High School & Global Experience Magnet School
6. Public/PTO Comment
7. Superintendent's Report
  - 7.A. Recognition - Bloomfield High School Girls' Track Team
  - 7.B. School Improvement Grant (SIG) - Bloomfield High School Update
  - 7.C. Board of Education Committee Meetings - October 23, 2012
  - 7.D. Enrollment Report - October 1, 2012
  - 7.E. Global Experience Magnet School (GEMS) Enrollment Report
  - 7.F. Financial Report - September, 2012
8. Old Business
9. New Business
  - 9.A. Climate Satisfaction Survey
  - 9.B. Extended Day Roll Out
  - 9.C. Approval of Natural Gas Purchase Agreement
  - 9.D. Negotiations (Board may go into Executive Session)
10. Board Member Comments
11. Adjournment
12. Next Regular Board Meeting - NOVEMBER 13, 2012

BLOOMFIELD BOARD of EDUCATION - REGULAR MEETING  
September 11, 2012 07:00PM  
Bloomfield Board of Education  
1133 Blue Hills Avenue  
Board Room

PRESENT: D. Harris, Chair                      D. Seldon, Vice Chair  
          M.R. Walters, Secretary            R. Ike  
          L. Mara                                    S. True  
          M. Williams

ALSO PRESENT:

J. Thompson, Jr., Superintendent  
C. Leone, Chief Operating Officer  
E. Stoltz, Chief Academic Officer  
L. McKinley, Director of School Improvement  
B. Silver, Director of Assessment, Evaluation and Research  
E. Pierce, District Grant Writer

**I. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER, and**

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

D. Harris, Chair, determined a quorum was present, and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The attendees rose to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. OPENING STATEMENT**

D. Harris, Chair, welcomed all attendees. The purpose and process of the Board of Education meetings were stated.

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting - June 12, 2012**

**B. Approval of Minutes - Executive Session - June 12, 2012**

**C. Approval of Minutes - Special/Workshop Meeting - August 28, 2012**

A motion was made by D. Seldon and seconded by R. Ike to have the Bloomfield Board of Education approve the consent agenda as follows:

- Regular Meeting - June 12, 2012
- Executive Session - June 12, 2012

- Special/Workshop Meeting - August 28, 2012

The motion was passed unanimously.

## **V. PRESENTATIONS**

### **A. 2012 Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT) and Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT) Results**

B. Silver presented the 2011-2012 CMT and CAPT results. The overall trend has improved, even exceeded expectations for some categories. Comparisons with the State of Connecticut and within the Bloomfield District for the current and past year were discussed. The implications and next steps were shared.

### **B. Summer School Reports**

#### **1. Early Start (Grades 1- 8)**

E. Stoltz shared an overview and the outcomes of Early Start/2012. Details of attendance and achievement data were reviewed. Attendance was recorded. A decline the 5<sup>th</sup> week of the program was noted. Pre and post assessments documented the improvements in math and reading. The attendance, participation and activities for the afternoon enrichment program will be provided by Leisure Services.

#### **2. Bloomfield High School Summer Academy**

The BHS Summer Academy weekly structure was 4 days of classes focusing on math, reading, science and organizational/study skills. The 5<sup>th</sup> day incorporated excursions visiting Southern Connecticut State University and Yale University exciting students about reaching for a college degree. Other activities included presentations and field trips by young Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) professionals; and leadership and philanthropic activities.

The Board of Education members were excited and pleased about the results of the CMT and CAPT testing and the Summer Programs.

## **VI. PUBLIC/PTO COMMENTS**

No public or PTO comments were presented.

## **VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **A. Opening School Report 2012 - 2013**

J. Thompson welcomed everyone to the School Year 2012-2013. The enrollment was at 95% the first day.

### **B. Laurel Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Tour**

J. Thompson was pleased with the press coverage regarding Laurel School. The ribbon cutting ceremony will be on September 13, 2012 at 5:00 p.m., followed by a tour of the school.

### **C. Recognition of Metacomet School Design**

The Metacomet School received a national award for the architectural design. He thanked all those involved in the project.

### **D. Financial Report – End of Fiscal Year 2011/2012**

C. Leone reviewed with the Board of Education members the financial material displayed.

### **E. Financial Report – August 30, 2012**

C. Leone reviewed with the Board of Education members the financial material displayed. C. Leone noted there are no teacher positions vacant. Three other positions need to be filled.

## **VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

No old business was presented.

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Approval of Budget Transfers – End of Fiscal Year 2011 - 2012**

After reviewing the proposed transfers, a motion was made by D. Seldon and seconded by R. Ike to have the Bloomfield Board of Education approve the budget transfers for the end of fiscal year 2011 - 2012, as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

### **B. Approval of Budget Transfers – September 2012**

After reviewing the proposed transfers, a motion was made by D. Seldon and seconded by R. Ike to have the Bloomfield Board of Education approve the budget transfers for September 2012, as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

### **C. Approval of Alliance Grant Application**

After discussion, a motion was made by D. Seldon and seconded by R. Ike to have the Bloomfield Board of Education approve the Alliance Grant Application, as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

## **X. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

- R. Ike thanked Dr. Thompson and the Board of Education Members for through their leadership and team effort; the many efforts presented this evening were accomplished.
- L. Mara also thanked Dr. Thompson and the staff for their contribution to the results discussed this evening. L. Mara also wanted to thank Tracy Youngberg for her exuberance one morning when responding to a parent.
- M. R. Walters expressed his appreciation for the collaborative work to accomplish the continuous improvement in the district.
- M. WILLIAMS thanked the leadership team for the positive results presented this evening.

- S. True expressed her gratitude with Dr. Thompson and his team for turning last year's vision into the reality of the accomplishments presented this evening.
- D. Seldon reminded everyone that the Stakeholders meeting last year surfaced the need to change the culture of the district. The culture has changed which benefitted the students. He expressed his belief that the achievements will continue.
- D. Harris reflected on the positive attitude at the high school, thanks to Dr. Thompson and his staff. Also, the Board of Education will be announcing an open house at all the schools in October. All members of the community will be welcomed. He also stated his thanks to C. Leone for the fiscal responsibility accomplishment.

## **XI. ADJOURMENT**

At 8:47 p.m., a motion to adjourn was made by R. Ike and seconded by M. R. Walters. The motion was passed unanimously.

## **XII. NEXT BOARD MEETING - October 16, 2012**

Next Board Meeting - October 16, 2012  
Board Room at the Bloomfield Board of Education

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M. R. Walters, Secretary

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J. Thompson, Jr., Superintendent



# Bloomfield Public Schools

**James Thompson, Jr., Ed.D.**  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

**Christopher G. Leone**  
CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER / DIRECTOR  
OF MAGNET SCHOOLS

**Ellen J. Stoltz, Ph.D.**  
CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Education Members

FROM: Christopher Leone, Chief Operating Officer /Director of Magnet Schools

DATE: October 11, 2012

SUBJECT: **October 1<sup>st</sup> Enrollment**

The following is the preliminary district enrollment for October 1, 2012:

School	Grade	Active 10/1/2007	Active 10/1/2008	Active 10/1/2009	Active 10/1/2010	Active 10/1/2011	Actual 10/1/2012	Difference 10/1/2012
WECMS	PK			221	209	216	220	4
	K			33	103	105	102	-3
<b>Total:</b>				<b>254</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>1</b>
VINCENT	PK	25	27					
	K	41	48	42	94	81		
	1	69	47	50	126	119		
	2	58	71	49	131	122		
	3	63	56	63				
	4	59	67	50				
<b>Total:</b>		<b>315</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>322</b>		
LAUREL	K	35	46	49			87	6
	1	56	41	50			125	6
	2	69	53	42			123	1
	3	56	73	57	139			
	4	52	52	66	142			
<b>Total:</b>		<b>268</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>13</b>

<b>METACOMET</b>	K	47	37	26				
	1	44	53	34				
	2	45	43	47				
	3	53	47	34		122	115	-7
	4	49	52	41		129	122	-7
<b>Total:</b>		<b>238</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>-14</b>
<b>CAIS</b>	5	176	154	170	147	133	122	-11
	6	170	159	124	158	130	98	-32
<b>Total:</b>		<b>348</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>-43</b>
<b>CAMS</b>	7	147	156	159	124	157	113	-44
	8	195	144	155	141	129	148	19
<b>Total:</b>		<b>342</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>-25</b>
<b>BHS:</b>	9	181	187	143	159	152	114	-38
	10	180	181	181	148	159	150	-9
	11	138	160	150	150	145	148	3
	12	126	118	155	136	147	129	-18
<b>Total:</b>		<b>625</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>629</b>	<b>593</b>	<b>603</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>-62</b>
<b>LAB:</b>	9						4	4
	10						4	4
	11						3	3
	12						4	4
<b>Total:</b>							<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>GEMS:</b>	6						30	30
	7						30	30
	8							
	9	35	35	36	29	32	31	-1
	10	25	21	27	34	28	30	2
	11	19	13	14	16	31	31	0
	12		14	11	10	14	31	17
<b>Total:</b>		<b>79</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>78</b>
<b>Total K-12:</b>		<b>2190</b>	<b>2130</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>1987</b>	<b>1935</b>	<b>1894</b>	<b>-41</b>
<b>Total PK-12</b>		<b>2215</b>	<b>2157</b>	<b>2279</b>	<b>2196</b>	<b>2151</b>	<b>2114</b>	<b>-37</b>



# Bloomfield Public Schools

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**Ellen J. Stoltz, Ph.D.**  
CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Board of Education Members

**FROM:** Christopher Leone, Chief Operating Officer /Director of Magnet Schools

**DATE:** October 16, 2012

**SUBJECT:** **Global Experience Magnet School – Enrollment Count 2012-2013**

Global Experience Magnet School is pleased to release its preliminary October 1, 2012 enrollment count for the 2012-2013 school year:

Grade	Bloomfield	Out-of-District	Grand Total	Bloomfield	Non-Resident
6	13	17	30	43.33%	56.67%
7	13	17	30	43.33%	56.67%
9	12	19	31	38.71%	61.29%
10	11	19	30	36.67%	63.33%
11	16	15	31	51.61%	48.39%
12	13	18	31	41.94%	58.06%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>42.62%</b>	<b>57.38%</b>

Grade	Minority	Non-Minority		Total	Compliance %
	0	0.5	1		
6	17	2	11	30	40.00%
7	16	3	11	30	41.67%
9	20		11	31	35.48%
10	26	1	3	30	11.67%
11	28		3	31	9.68%
12	25	1	5	31	17.74%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>25.96%</b>

Per a Bloomfield Board of Education resolution in June 2012, the tuition for GEMS will be \$3,500 for the 2012-2013 school year. The following charts show a breakdown of expected tuition from sending districts.

Grade	Bloomfield	Out-of-District	SDE Grant	Tuition	Total
6	13	17	\$159,445.00	\$59,500.00	\$218,945.00
7	13	17	\$159,445.00	\$59,500.00	\$218,945.00
9	12	19	\$170,615.00	\$66,500.00	\$237,115.00
10	11	19	\$167,615.00	\$66,500.00	\$234,115.00
11	16	15	\$154,275.00	\$52,500.00	\$206,775.00
12	13	18	\$166,530.00	\$63,000.00	\$229,530.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>\$977,925.00</b>	<b>\$367,500.00</b>	<b>\$1,345,425.00</b>

City/Town	Count	Tuition
Berlin	3	\$10,500.00
Bloomfield	78	\$0.00
Bristol	1	\$3,500.00
Burlington	1	\$3,500.00
Canton	1	\$3,500.00
Cromwell	1	\$3,500.00
East Hartford	21	\$73,500.00
East Windsor	1	\$3,500.00
Ellington	1	\$3,500.00
Farmington	1	\$3,500.00
Granby	2	\$7,000.00
Hartford	28	\$98,000.00
Manchester	11	\$38,500.00
Middletown	1	\$3,500.00
New Britain	10	\$35,000.00
Simsbury	4	\$14,000.00
Somers	2	\$7,000.00
Stafford Springs	1	\$3,500.00
Tolland	1	\$3,500.00
Vernon	5	\$17,500.00
Windsor	9	\$31,500.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>\$367,500.00</b>

The tuition invoices were scheduled to be sent out on Monday, October 15, 2012.

Respectfully submitted by the Bloomfield Board of Education, Christopher Leone, Chief Operating Officer on Tuesday, October 16, 2012.



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# Bloomfield

## BOE EXPENDITURE REPORT BY OBJECT

Account Number / Description	Revised Budget	Expenses YTD	Encumbrances	Balance Before	Submitted	Balance After	Percent
	7/1/2012 - 6/30/2013	7/1/2012 - 6/30/2013	7/1/2012 - 6/30/2013	Req's Sub. 7/1/2012 - 6/30/2013	Requisitions 7/1/2012 - 6/30/2013	Req's Sub 7/1/2012 - 6/30/2013	Remaining 7/1/2012 - 6/30/2013
1110 SALARIES, TEACHER	\$14,003,968	\$2,184,285	\$11,352,109	\$467,574	\$0	\$467,574	3%
1115 SALARIES, ADMIN	\$2,046,012	\$635,856	\$1,413,925	\$(3,769)	\$0	\$(3,769)	0%
01 CERTIFIED SALARIES	\$16,049,980	\$2,820,141	\$12,766,034	\$463,805	\$0	\$463,805	3%
1210 SALARIES, PROFESSIONAL STAFF	\$288,090	\$58,534	\$232,971	\$(3,415)	\$0	\$(3,415)	(1)%
1215 SALARIES, JROTC	\$80,939	\$(33,827)	\$121,775	\$(7,009)	\$0	\$(7,009)	(9)%
1220 SALARIES, TUTOR	\$206,246	\$17,417	\$129,355	\$59,474	\$0	\$59,474	29%
1230 SALARIES, PARA	\$621,697	\$72,933	\$544,564	\$4,200	\$0	\$4,200	1%
1235 SALARIES, NURSES	\$252,143	\$34,202	\$210,547	\$7,394	\$0	\$7,394	3%
1240 SALARIES, CLERICAL	\$1,310,121	\$309,538	\$1,012,713	\$(12,130)	\$0	\$(12,130)	(1)%
1244 SALARIES, CLERICAL CAO	\$51,418	\$13,656	\$37,762	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
1246 SALARIES, CLERICAL SCH IMPROV	\$48,087	\$12,897	\$35,190	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
1250 SALARIES, BUSINESS OFFICE	\$406,478	\$127,153	\$299,496	\$(20,171)	\$0	\$(20,171)	(5)%
1255 SALARIES, TECHNICAL SUPPORT	\$354,925	\$93,773	\$227,119	\$34,033	\$0	\$34,033	10%
1256 FAMILY COMMUNITY LIAISON	\$46,000	\$6,572	\$39,428	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
1257 SALARIES, RESIDENCY OFFICER	\$59,315	\$18,251	\$41,064	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
1260 SALARIES, CUSTODIAN	\$1,248,632	\$335,044	\$913,040	\$548	\$0	\$548	0%
1265 SALARIES, MAINTENANCE	\$513,742	\$145,390	\$369,907	\$(1,555)	\$0	\$(1,555)	0%

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1270 SALARIES, MONITOR	\$193,256	\$26,176	\$159,221	\$7,859	\$0	\$7,859	4%
1275 SALARIES, CROSSING GUARD	\$29,049	\$2,968	\$19,922	\$6,159	\$0	\$6,159	21%
1280 SALARIES, SUPPORT	\$3,890	\$2,025	\$0	\$1,865	\$0	\$1,865	48%
1290 OVERTIME, SUPPORT	\$124,591	\$37,397	\$0	\$87,194	\$0	\$87,194	70%
02 NON-CERTIFIED SALARIES	\$5,838,619	\$1,280,099	\$4,394,074	\$164,446	\$0	\$164,446	3%
2100 HEALTH INSURANCE	\$4,936,595	\$12,736	\$0	\$4,923,859	\$0	\$4,923,859	100%
2150 LIFE INSURANCE	\$168,350	\$35,207	\$133,097	\$46	\$0	\$46	0%
2170 INSURANCE BUY-OUT	\$31,400	\$7,350	\$22,050	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	6%
2200 SOCIAL SECURITY	\$876,264	\$176,359	\$634,456	\$65,449	\$0	\$65,449	7%
2300 PENSION	\$865,293	\$865,293	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
2410 SEVERANCE	\$60,000	\$29,928	\$0	\$30,072	\$0	\$30,072	50%
2500 COURSE REMUNERATION	\$30,000	\$2,700	\$7,628	\$19,672	\$0	\$19,672	66%
2600 UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	\$316,524	\$15,839	\$85,291	\$215,394	\$0	\$215,394	68%
2700 WORKERS' COMP	\$217,690	\$108,880	\$108,634	\$176	\$0	\$176	0%
2800 PERSONAL PROPERTY LOSS - DISTRICT	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	100%
03 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$7,504,116	\$1,254,292	\$991,156	\$5,258,668	\$0	\$5,258,668	70%
3100 ADMIN SERVICES	\$66,900	\$15,242	\$7,246	\$44,412	\$0	\$44,412	66%

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3200 PROF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	\$573,832	\$41,566	\$160,610	\$371,656	\$12,595	\$359,061	65%
3260 TESTING	\$47,325	\$10,801	\$0	\$36,524	\$4,655	\$31,869	77%
3300 PROF DEVELOPMENT	\$46,809	\$22,193	\$2,209	\$22,407	\$0	\$22,407	48%
3400 OTHER PROF SERVICES	\$68,892	\$232	\$5,000	\$63,660	\$0	\$63,660	92%
3500 TECHNICAL SERVICES	\$142,275	\$114,964	\$18,711	\$8,600	\$0	\$8,600	6%
3520 COPIER COSTS	\$128,101	\$0	\$0	\$128,101	\$0	\$128,101	100%
4000 PURCHASED SERVICES	\$20,000	\$0	\$600	\$19,400	\$18,136	\$1,264	97%
4009 PURCH SERV NON-PUBLIC HEALTH SVCS	\$91,880	\$10,880	\$69,190	\$11,810	\$0	\$11,810	13%
4300 MAINTENANCE & REPAIR	\$72,942	\$7,489	\$7,824	\$57,629	\$0	\$57,629	79%
4310 PURCHASED SERVICES BUILDINGS	\$300,915	\$63,338	\$181,229	\$56,348	\$0	\$56,348	19%
4320 VEHICLE MAINTENANCE & REPAIR	\$45,000	\$3,958	\$20,702	\$20,340	\$0	\$20,340	45%
04 CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$1,604,871	\$290,663	\$473,321	\$840,887	\$35,386	\$805,501	52%
5100 TRANSPORTATION, PUPIL	\$2,151,853	\$961	\$1,861,484	\$289,408	\$0	\$289,408	13%
5820 FIELD TRIPS	\$72,160	\$6,945	\$9,072	\$56,143	\$0	\$56,143	78%
05 PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	\$2,224,013	\$7,906	\$1,870,556	\$345,551	\$0	\$345,551	16%
5200 PROPERTY/LIABILITY INSURANCE	\$242,002	\$120,669	\$120,675	\$658	\$0	\$658	0%
5290 OTHER INSURANCE	\$8,000	\$7,905	\$0	\$95	\$0	\$95	1%

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<b>06 INSURANCE</b>	<b>\$250,002</b>	<b>\$128,574</b>	<b>\$120,675</b>	<b>\$753</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$753</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>5300 TELEPHONE</b>	<b>\$28,439</b>	<b>\$(24,642)</b>	<b>\$24,884</b>	<b>\$28,197</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$28,197</b>	<b>99%</b>
<b>5310 POSTAGE</b>	<b>\$34,255</b>	<b>\$3,672</b>	<b>\$843</b>	<b>\$29,740</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$29,740</b>	<b>87%</b>
<b>5400 ADVERTISING</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>\$1,900</b>	<b>\$674</b>	<b>\$22,426</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$22,426</b>	<b>90%</b>
<b>5500 PRINTING</b>	<b>\$77,400</b>	<b>\$12,292</b>	<b>\$7,487</b>	<b>\$57,621</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$57,621</b>	<b>74%</b>
<b>07 COMMUNICATIONS</b>	<b>\$165,094</b>	<b>\$(6,778)</b>	<b>\$33,888</b>	<b>\$137,984</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$137,984</b>	<b>84%</b>
<b>5600 TUITION, PUBLIC</b>	<b>\$834,318</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$116,032</b>	<b>\$718,286</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$718,286</b>	<b>86%</b>
<b>5630 TUITION, PRIVATE</b>	<b>\$559,118</b>	<b>\$71,204</b>	<b>\$484,535</b>	<b>\$3,379</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$3,379</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>5690 TUITION, MAGNET</b>	<b>\$730,636</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$730,636</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$730,636</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>08 TUITION</b>	<b>\$2,124,072</b>	<b>\$71,204</b>	<b>\$600,567</b>	<b>\$1,452,301</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,452,301</b>	<b>68%</b>
<b>5810 STAFF TRAVEL</b>	<b>\$47,720</b>	<b>\$7,881</b>	<b>\$24,431</b>	<b>\$15,408</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$15,408</b>	<b>32%</b>
<b>5814 CONFERENCES &amp; MEETINGS</b>	<b>\$63,005</b>	<b>\$5,789</b>	<b>\$10,658</b>	<b>\$46,558</b>	<b>\$375</b>	<b>\$46,183</b>	<b>74%</b>
<b>09 OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES</b>	<b>\$110,725</b>	<b>\$13,670</b>	<b>\$35,089</b>	<b>\$61,966</b>	<b>\$375</b>	<b>\$61,591</b>	<b>56%</b>
<b>6110 INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLIES</b>	<b>\$424,724</b>	<b>\$98,078</b>	<b>\$70,033</b>	<b>\$256,613</b>	<b>\$1,548</b>	<b>\$255,065</b>	<b>60%</b>
<b>6115 OFFICE SUPPLIES</b>	<b>\$63,018</b>	<b>\$11,670</b>	<b>\$13,674</b>	<b>\$37,674</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$37,674</b>	<b>60%</b>
<b>6116 LIBRARY / AV SUPPLIES</b>	<b>\$17,650</b>	<b>\$312</b>	<b>\$1,625</b>	<b>\$15,713</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$15,713</b>	<b>89%</b>
<b>6117 COMPUTER SUPPLIES</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$1,499</b>	<b>\$4,046</b>	<b>\$4,455</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$4,455</b>	<b>45%</b>

# Bloomfield

## BOE EXPENDITURE REPORT BY OBJECT

Account Number / Description	Revised Budget 7/1/2012 - 6/30/2013	Expenses YTD 7/1/2012 - 6/30/2013	Encumbrances 7/1/2012 - 6/30/2013	Balance Before Req's Sub. 7/1/2012 - 6/30/2013	Submitted Requisitions 7/1/2012 - 6/30/2013	Balance After Req's Sub	Percent Remaining 7/1/2012 - 6/30/2013
6120 SOFTWARE	\$136,037	\$124,575	\$10,974	\$488	\$0	\$488	0%
6900 OTHER SUPPLIES	\$18,700	\$2,684	\$6,783	\$9,233	\$0	\$9,233	49%
10 SUPPLIES	\$670,129	\$238,818	\$107,135	\$324,176	\$1,548	\$322,628	48%
6125 FACILITY SUPPLIES	\$90,097	\$47,550	\$31,624	\$10,923	\$0	\$10,923	12%
6130 FACILITY MATERIALS	\$77,897	\$18,571	\$48,459	\$10,867	\$0	\$10,867	14%
6200 HEAT	\$369,063	\$15,756	\$288,096	\$65,211	\$0	\$65,211	18%
6220 ELECTRICITY	\$928,980	\$244,612	\$631,985	\$52,383	\$0	\$52,383	6%
6290 WATER SERVICES	\$36,889	\$7,159	\$28,436	\$1,294	\$0	\$1,294	4%
7200 BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS	\$51,827	\$5,777	\$42,617	\$3,433	\$0	\$3,433	7%
11 OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS	\$1,554,753	\$339,425	\$1,071,217	\$144,111	\$0	\$144,111	9%
6410 TEXTBOOKS	\$115,745	\$22,645	\$14,066	\$79,034	\$305	\$78,729	68%
6420 LIBRARY BOOKS, PERIODICALS	\$4,500	\$0	\$1,195	\$3,305	\$0	\$3,305	73%
6430 PROF BOOKS	\$12,844	\$1,278	\$74	\$11,492	\$743	\$10,749	89%
12 TEXTBOOKS/LIBRARY BOOKS/OTHER SUPPL	\$133,089	\$23,923	\$15,335	\$93,831	\$1,048	\$92,783	71%
7300 NEW EQUIPMENT	\$6,867	\$2,283	\$3,078	\$1,506	\$0	\$1,506	22%
7320 REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT	\$5,078	\$4,599	\$158	\$321	\$0	\$321	6%
7340 COMPUTER EQUIP	\$152,307	\$4,116	\$399	\$147,792	\$0	\$147,792	97%

# Bloomfield

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<b>13 EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>\$164,252</b>	<b>\$10,998</b>	<b>\$3,635</b>	<b>\$149,619</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$149,619</b>	<b>91%</b>
<b>8100 DUES &amp; FEES</b>	<b>\$56,705</b>	<b>\$39,832</b>	<b>\$4,019</b>	<b>\$12,854</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$12,854</b>	<b>23%</b>
<b>8800 ATHLETIC PROGRAMS</b>	<b>\$73,984</b>	<b>\$23,026</b>	<b>\$30,565</b>	<b>\$20,393</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$20,393</b>	<b>28%</b>
<b>8900 STUDENT ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>\$30,700</b>	<b>\$2,380</b>	<b>\$3,750</b>	<b>\$24,570</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$24,570</b>	<b>80%</b>
<b>14 MISCELLANEOUS</b>	<b>\$161,389</b>	<b>\$65,238</b>	<b>\$38,334</b>	<b>\$57,817</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$57,817</b>	<b>36%</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$38,555,104</b>	<b>\$6,538,173</b>	<b>\$22,521,016</b>	<b>\$9,495,915</b>	<b>\$38,357</b>	<b>\$9,457,558</b>	<b>25%</b>

# Bloomfield

## BOE EXPENDITURE REPORT BY MAJOR OBJECT

Account Number / Description	Reclassified Budget 7/1/2012 - 6/30/2013	Expenses YTD 7/1/2012 - 6/30/2013	Encumbrances 7/1/2012 - 6/30/2013	Balance Before Req's Sub. 7/1/2012 - 6/30/2013	Submitted Requisitions 7/1/2012 - 6/30/2013	Balance After Req's Sub	Percent Remaining 7/1/2012 - 6/30/2013
<b>01 CERTIFIED SALARIES</b>	\$16,049,980	\$2,820,141	\$12,766,034	\$463,805	\$0	\$463,805	3%
<b>02 NON-CERTIFIED SALARIES</b>	\$5,838,619	\$1,280,099	\$4,394,074	\$164,446	\$0	\$164,446	3%
<b>03 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>	\$7,504,116	\$1,254,292	\$991,156	\$5,258,668	\$0	\$5,258,668	70%
<b>04 CONTRACTED SERVICES</b>	\$1,604,871	\$290,663	\$473,321	\$840,887	\$35,386	\$805,501	52%
<b>05 PUPIL TRANSPORTATION</b>	\$2,224,013	\$7,906	\$1,870,556	\$345,551	\$0	\$345,551	16%
<b>06 INSURANCE</b>	\$250,002	\$128,574	\$120,675	\$753	\$0	\$753	0%
<b>07 COMMUNICATIONS</b>	\$165,094	\$(6,778)	\$33,888	\$137,984	\$0	\$137,984	84%
<b>08 TUITION</b>	\$2,124,072	\$71,204	\$600,567	\$1,452,301	\$0	\$1,452,301	68%
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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Education Members

FROM: Christopher Leone, Chief Operating Officer /Director of Magnet Schools

DATE: October 16, 2012

SUBJECT: **Title I Grant Funding 2012-2013**

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This memo is to inform the Board of Education that there has been a reduction in Title I grant funding for the 2012-2013 school year. The anticipated funding award has been lowered from \$415,148 to \$371,591 which is a reduction of \$43,557. This reduction will limit the districts goal of hiring a full-time Parent Community Engagement Director. However, Metacomet and Bloomfield High School have piloted the position of School Community Liaison to increase parent engagement.

Per the United States Department of Education, and for background knowledge, the following serves as an explanation on Title I funding:

*Title I, Part A (Title I) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended (ESEA) provides financial assistance to local educational agencies (LEAs) and schools with high numbers or high percentages of children from low-income families to help ensure that all children meet challenging state academic standards. Federal funds are currently allocated through four statutory formulas that are based primarily on census poverty estimates and the cost of education in each state.*

1. *Basic Grants provide funds to LEAs in which the number of children counted in the formula is at least 10 and exceeds 2 percent of an LEA's school-age population.*
2. *Concentration Grants flow to LEAs where the number of formula children exceeds 6,500 or 15 percent of the total school-age population.*
3. *Targeted Grants are based on the same data used for Basic and Concentration Grants except that the data are weighted so that LEAs with higher numbers or higher percentages of children from low-income families receive more funds. Targeted Grants flow to LEAs where the number of schoolchildren counted in the formula (without application of the formula weights) is at least 10 and at least 5 percent of the LEA's school-age population.*
4. *Education Finance Incentive Grants (EFIG) distribute funds to states based on factors that measure:*
  - o *a state's effort to provide financial support for education compared to its relative wealth as measured by its per capita income; and*
  - o *the degree to which education expenditures among LEAs within the state are equalized.*

*Once a state's EFIG allocation is determined, funds are allocated (using a weighted count formula that is similar to Targeted Grants) to LEAs in which the number of children from low-income families*

*is at least 10 and at least 5 percent of the LEA's school-age population. LEAs target the Title I funds they receive to schools with the highest percentages of children from low-income families. Unless a participating school is operating a schoolwide program, the school must focus Title I services on children who are failing, or most at risk of failing, to meet state academic standards. Schools in which children from low-income families make up at least 40 percent of enrollment are eligible to use Title I funds for schoolwide programs that serve all children in the school. LEAs also must use Title I funds to provide academic enrichment services to eligible children enrolled in private schools. (Source: <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/titleiparta/index.html>)*

There is no action needed on this item at this time.



10.10.12



# Climate and Satisfaction Survey Results

Dr. James Thompson, Superintendent

Dr. Ellen J. Stoltz, Chief Academic Officer

Dr. Bethany Silver, Director of Assessment, Evaluation and Research

October 16, 2012



# Today I will share with you...

- Results of the 2011-12 Annual Climate and Satisfaction Survey
- Background:
  - Survey Specifics:
    - Why
    - When administered
    - What the survey measures
  - How to interpret the report and results
  - Next steps to connect results with actions to improve climate and satisfaction at our schools



# Why the Survey was Administered

The Climate and Satisfaction Survey invited all staff and families, as well as students in grades 5 through 12 to respond to an online questionnaire about their schools:

- In alignment with Priority 3 on the District Accountability Plan.
- To help us understand what members of our school community think about the learning environment at our schools.
- To initiate data-based conversations among all members of the school community to transform current practices on behalf of our students.



# When the Survey Took Place

The 2011-12 Annual Climate and Satisfaction Survey  
was administered between  
March 26 and May 31, 2012.



# What the Survey Measured

Responses from three distinct groups of people:

- Students in grades 5-12 enrolled in Bloomfield Schools
- Families
- Teachers and staff

Responses to similar questions in alignment with the

District Accountability Plan:

- Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment
- Positive School Climate
- Parent and Community Engagement



# How the Report is Organized

**District Results** ...six page summary of all responses to the survey, representing all schools

**School-by-School Results...** summarizes responses associated with each school

## **Three distinct sections of each report:**

1. Introduction
2. Descriptive information about the various respondent groups (number, percent)
3. Item-level response information for each form of the survey, for that school color-coded  
Students, where appropriate (**Blue**); Parents (**Green**); Staff (**Coral**)



## How to Interpret the Report

The response summary begins with Student responses for students enrolled in grades 5 - 12.

These are **blue**, divided into groups of questions according to specific topics. Questions appear in the same order on the report as the survey.

After the question text, 4 components for each item include:

1. The number of respondents
2. The expected number of respondents
3. The percentage of respondents who actually answered the question, of the whole pool of expected respondents.
4. The percent of respondents who agreed or strongly agreed with the statement.



# Results

The number and percent of respondents who completed the survey.

	District Wide			
	2012 Percent	Number	Expected Number	2011 Percent
Students	81.5%	1014	1244	49.2%
Families	41.1%	822	2002	20.9%
Teachers / Staff*	92.3%	478	518	99.7%

\*In 2011 only teachers were invited to participate in the survey. In 2012 all employees were invited to participate.



# Student Responses

## Descriptive Statistics: Student Responses

Grade Level	Number of Responses	Expected Number of Responses	2012	2011
			Percent Responding	Percent Responding
5th	132	132	100.0	83.4
6th	127	127	100.0	63.5
7th	132	155	85.2	93.0
8th	129	129	100.0	95.1
9th	134	179	74.9	34.7
10th	166	177	93.8	10.1
11th	94	188	50.0	22.1
12th	100	157	63.7	13.9
Total	1014	1244	81.5	49.2



# Family Responses

## Descriptive Statistics: Family Responses

School	Number of Responses	Expected Number of Responses	2012 Percent Responding	2011 Percent Responding
Wintonbury Early Childhood Magnet School	<b>182</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>66.2</b>	16.9
Vincent Elementary School	<b>108</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>33.3</b>	23.7
Laurel Elementary School	<b>142</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>59.4</b>	17.7
Carmen Arace Intermediate School	<b>245</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>100.0</b>	42.5
Carmen Arace Middle School	<b>36</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>13.5</b>	13.0
Bloomfield High School	<b>81</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>15.5</b>	8.6
Big Picture High School	<b>26</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>28.0</b>	61.9
Bloomfield Alternative Academy	<b>2</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>5.7</b>	
Total	<b>822</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>41.1</b>	20.9



# Teacher and Staff Responses

## Descriptive Statistics: Teachers / Staff Responses

Grade Level	Number of Responses	Expected Number of Responses	2012 Percent Responding	2011 Percent Responding
Wintonbury Early Childhood Magnet School	62	67	92.5	100.0
Vincent Elementary School	59	59	100.0	100.0
Metacomet Elementary School	47	47	100.0	100.0
Carmen Arace Intermediate School	79	79	100.0	100.0
Carmen Arace Middle School	89	89	100.0	100.0
Bloomfield High School	98	110	89.1	98.6
Big Picture High School	9	15	60.0	100.0
Bloomfield Alternative Academy	7	7	100.0	
Central Office	28	45	62.2	
Total	478	518	92.3	99.7



## OVERALL STRENGTHS:

### **Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment**

- Students:  
92.4% agreed that “My teachers expect me to go to college.”
- Families:  
98.1% agreed that “My child’s teacher(s) believe that all students can learn.”
- Staff:  
95.6% agreed that “We expect our students to go to college.”



## OVERALL STRENGTHS: **Positive School Climate**

- Students:  
90.7% agreed that “I understand the expectations for being a part of the school community.”
- Families:  
98.8% agreed that “I understand the expectations of my child for being a part of the school community.”
- Staff:  
96.0% agreed that “I understand the expectations for being a part of the school community.”



## OVERALL STRENGTHS:

### Parent and Community Engagement

- Students:  
80.8% agreed that “My teachers are interested in me and my future.”
- Families:  
97.5% agreed that “I feel welcome at my child’s school.”
- Staff:  
96.8% agreed that “Staff at this school care about students.”



## OVERALL CONCERNS

- Students:  
32.3% agreed that “In this school, getting good grades makes you popular.”
- Families:  
51.7% agreed that “In this school, getting good grades makes students popular.”
- Staff:  
32.2% agreed that “In this school, getting good grades makes students popular.”



## NEXT STEPS

1. Principals will share the results of the survey with staff, students, and families;
2. Results will be used to support conversations with all members of the school community;
3. Effective participation practices will be replicated;
4. Sub-committees of the District Data Team will meet to review the data and plan appropriate responses;
5. In alignment with the District Climate Policy, the District Climate Steering Committee will meet to plan positive Climate events for schools and community as directed by the data from this annual survey.



**Our experience with this annual survey will lead to better communication about our strengths, concerns, and collective responsibility to improve public education. In accordance with the Bloomfield District Accountability Plan we will continue to collect data to monitor our progress. The data will inform our actions toward continuous improvement.**

**2011-2012 EPS Family Survey**

**1. Family Survey**

Welcome to the annual district-wide School Climate and Satisfaction Survey for Bloomfield Public Schools' families!

Your thoughtful responses will help us improve our schools.

Dr. Thompson has asked that all families participate in this survey. Please complete one survey for each school your children attend.

If you have a concern about which school you would like to receive a personal response, there is a place to provide your name, contact information, and concern at the end of the survey.

Thank you for sharing your ideas with us.

**1. School Name**

J.P. Vincent Elementary  Bloomfield High School

Westwood Elementary  Westbury Early Childhood Magnet School

Carman Area Intermediate School  Big Picture High School

Carman Area Middle School  Bloomfield Alternative Academy

**2. What grade is/are your child/ren in?**

Preschool  1st  2nd

Kindergarten  3rd  4th

1st  5th  6th

2nd  7th  8th

**3. What is your gender?**

Male  Female

**2010-2011 EPS Staff Survey**

**1. Staff Survey**

Welcome to the second annual district-wide School Climate and Satisfaction Survey for Bloomfield Public Schools' staff members!

We ask Bloomfield Staff members to complete this online survey about their experiences at their school.

Families and Students in grades 5-12 will complete a similar survey.

We are interested in your opinions about your school, as these will help us improve the educational experiences for all of our children.

We ask our staff to please respond only once to this anonymous survey for each school where you work.

Dr. Thompson has asked that 100% of our staff members participate. At the conclusion of the survey, a summary report will be prepared and shared with each school. It is noted that half of the staff members respond the results will be summarized in the district summary, but no report will be prepared for the school.

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Your thoughts are important to us.

Thank you for sharing them.

**1. School Name**

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Vincent Elementary School  Big Picture High School

Westwood Elementary School  Alternative Academy

Carman Area Intermediate School  Central Office

Carman Area Middle School

**2. Please identify your role:**

Certified Teacher

Classified Non-Certified Staff Member

Administrator

Other (please specify):

**2011-2012 EPS Student Survey**

**1. Student Survey - General Information**

Welcome to the annual district-wide School Climate and Satisfaction Survey for Bloomfield Public Schools' students!

Your thoughtful responses will help us improve our schools.

Dr. Thompson has asked that 100% of the students in grades 5-12 participate in this survey.

If you have a concern about which school you would like to receive a personal response, there is a place to provide your name, contact information, and concern at the end of the survey.

Thank you for sharing your ideas with us.

**1. School Name**

Carman Area Intermediate School

Carman Area Middle School

Bloomfield High School

Big Picture High School

Alternative Academy

**2. What grade are you in?**

5th  6th

7th  8th

9th  10th

11th  12th

**3. What is your gender?**

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Education Members

FROM: Christopher Leone, Chief Operating Officer /Director of Magnet Schools

DATE: October 16, 2012

SUBJECT: **Extended Day Roll Out**

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The district is pleased to announce that the Extended Day Program will commence on October 22, 2012.

In its inaugural year, 2011-2012, the Extended Day Program started with funds from the extension program and the After School Grant. The program served 180 students from grades 3 through 8 for 40 sessions. The program increased instructional time and was a direct contributor to the districts 2012 academic increases.

This year the 2012-2013 budget allocated \$120,000 to expand the program to 53 sessions with capacity to serve 375 students.

The program will have a student to teacher ratio of 15:1 and run Monday, Tuesday and Thursday through March 14, 2013. Program times by school are as follows:

Metacomet: 3:30 – 4:30

CAIS: 3:00 – 4:00

CAMS: 3:00 – 4:00 (Extended to 5:00 per After School Grant)

BHS: 2:50 – 3:50

Per Board of Education Policy, students will receive after school transportation as necessary.

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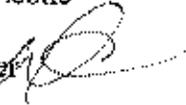
# Bloomfield Public Schools

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**Wayne Casper**  
Director of Facilities

**Kareem Allwood**  
Custodial Operations Manager

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Christopher Leone  
FROM: Wayne Casper   
DATE: October 1, 2012  
RE: Natural Gas Purchase Agreement

As you know Bloomfield Public Schools has participated in the Capital Region Council of Government (CRCOG) natural gas consortium for the past nine years resulting in continued reduction in our natural gas commodity costs. At the Natural Gas Procurement Committee meeting on Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> the committee decided to exercise the option of extending the current agreements for the purchase of natural gas. The rationale for exercising the option is that our current basis price is \$0.199 per ccf. The projected market basis price for the year July 2014 through June 2016 is \$0.290 per ccf. In addition to fending off a potential basis increase the NYMEX price for natural gas for those two years is lower than our current price. The Procurement Committee will be meeting in the near future to set the target triggers to lock in the NYMEX costs for those two years.

Given how volatile the energy market can be, I would recommend that we take this opportunity to continue our participation in the consortium and extend the agreement the additional two years.