

Updates from the CPS School Committee

High School Building Project. The CCHS Building Committee website is live at www.cchsbuilding.org. We held the first community forum on the building project in Carlisle this week. Thanks to all residents who came out to learn more about this important initiative. **Looking Ahead.** Save the date for our CCHS building project community forum on February 2nd at the High School. We will look at proposed plans, the timeline, costs, and offer tours of the building.

Budget. The CPS School Committee and School Administration have presented a preliminary budget to the Finance Committee reflecting a 3% increase for FY12. We expect this increase to fall below the levy limit. The increase is comprised of an additional approximate \$554k for contractual salaries increases. The School Committee appreciates the Concord Teacher's Association agreement and partnership to keep salary adjustments sustainable. An additional \$195k is included for staff increases resulting from increased enrollment and SPED in-district student placement. You may recall that enrollment district wide (K-8) increased by 59 students in 2010/2011, and by 109 students since 2007. Supplies and materials increases amount to \$81k, and include new textbooks & materials for middle school math (currently over 10 years old), new materials for elementary school social studies (currently over 7 years old), increased bandwidth and server maintenance needed to support our technology infrastructure, and consumable supplies/materials (for example printer cartridges, paper, cleaning supplies, etc). We ask for your continued support to approve the CPS budget for FY12 to ensure the high quality of education for Concord's children. **Policy.** Students are not allowed unsupervised on school property after dark. All dogs on school property must be leashed and cleaned up after. Walking dogs on school property during school hours is prohibited. You may have noticed, "No Trespassing," signs on the grounds of the elementary schools, and the middle school. The signs are in place to prevent unsafe activity from occurring on school grounds. **Thank you for your ongoing support of our schools!**