



BFMS

School Report

2009-2010

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Bellows Falls Middle School

Vision Statement

We envision The Bellows Falls Middle School
to be a place where

**ALL MEMBERS OF THE LEARNING
COMMUNITY STRIVE TO:**

1. Engage in and promote lifelong learning
2. Have high expectations
3. Celebrate the achievement of high standards
4. Contribute to and promote positive school climate
5. Respect and recognize one another's passions, strengths, challenges and needs
6. Lead healthy lives

Report on Action Plan 08-10

Target: Increase % of students performing at proficient or higher on the NECAP test to match the state average of 61%.

Target not met. Sadly, we lost ground in mathematics performance this year. We are examining the data to try to find the cause. We have continued to implement new strategies annually for the last three years, and believe that we are seeing growth that will be reflected in the fall 2010 NECAP scores. This year, we have been working in Critical Friends Groups to improve teacher practice, had a district curriculum adopted in math with non-negotiable objectives for students to learn at each grade, and worked with Mahesh Sharma to improve our understanding and delivery of math. We have implemented RtI (Response to Invention) to improve supports for struggling students, provided enriching experiences through 21C After School programming, and increased our review/analysis of data.

Target: Increase % of students performing at proficient or higher on NECAP test to match the state average of 70%

Target not met, but progress made. We were successful in making AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) but we did not make the gains we had hoped. This year, we have been working in Critical Friends Groups to improve teacher practice and had a district curriculum adopted in literacy. We have implemented RtI (Response to Invention) to improve supports for struggling students, provided enriching experiences through 21C After School programming, and increased our review/analysis of data.

Target: Increase the % of students performing at proficient or higher on NECAP test to match the state average of 48%

Last year, we brought the proficient rate from 19% to 40%. This was an astounding one year increase, and we were anxious to see what the results of this year's testing would be. Unfortunately, this turned out to be a "beta" year for the NECAP writing test, and though our students took the test, no scores will be released.

Target: Reduce ISS incidents from 1500 in 08-09 to 1400

Progress toward target satisfactory. Continued participation in the WNESU Diversity Committee and work with the school resource officer are helping us to improve students' understanding of serious bullying and

harassment issues. Our new assistant principal has been responsive to student misbehavior, and enforced firm and fair expectations for students.

Target: To improve student life

- A. Provide monthly students recognition
- B. Provide rewards for appropriate student behavior
- C. Have even student representation on Student Leadership Team
- D. Begin a peer mediation or restorative justice group
- E. Improve transition across the district
- F. Increase parental involvement
- G. Continue to support special education programs of Lifeskills, PASS and Language Lab
- H. Help students understand structure and membership of a school community

Progress toward target satisfactory. Student recognition was by trimester this year. Our reward system for appropriate behavior is well established. Student Leadership continued, but did not have the participation level we had hoped. We are considering making this part of 21C programming for next year. We did not establish peer mediation or restorative justice, but still plan to address this next year. A new transition practice was piloted this year. BFMS continued to work with PTO and PIRC (Parental Involvement Resource Center) to conduct a needs assessment and develop an action plan for the most pressing needs. We continued to strengthen our special education programs. Direct instruction was given to students on membership in a school community.

Comparative School Data for Cost-Effectiveness, FY2010

School Data		FY2009 data (school year 2008 - 2009)				Student / Teacher Ratio	Student / Administrator Ratio		
Cohort Rank	School Name	School District Name	Supervisory Union	Grades Offered	Enrollment	Total Teachers	Total Administrators		
Middle school 25 schools in cohort				Total Average	8,054 322.16	741.45 29.66	45.77 1.83	10.86	175.97
1	Mt. Anthony Union Middle School	Mt. Anthony UHSD #14	Southwest Vermont S.U.	6 - 8	601	47.43	3.00	12.67	200.33
2	Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School	South Burlington	South Burlington S.D.	6 - 8	532	46.20	2.00	11.52	266.00
3	Colchester Middle School	Colchester	Colchester S.D.	6 - 8	509	44.79	2.00	11.36	254.50
4	Essex Middle School	Essex Town	Essex Town S.D.	6 - 8	445	35.45	2.00	12.55	222.50
5	Browns River Middle USD #17	Mt. Mansfield USD #17	Chittenden East S.U.	5 - 8	434	32.04	2.00	13.55	217.00
6	Lyman C. Hunt Middle School	Burlington	Burlington S.D.	6 - 8	392	41.77	2.00	9.38	196.00
7	Camels Hump Middle USD #17	Mt. Mansfield USD #17	Chittenden East S.U.	5 - 8	375	30.10	2.00	12.46	187.50
8	Edmunds Middle School	Burlington	Burlington S.D.	6 - 8	362	37.50	2.00	9.65	181.00
8	Rutland Middle School	Rutland City	Rutland City S.D.	7 - 8	362	32.03	2.00	11.30	181.00
10	Albert D. Lawton School	Essex Junction ID	Chittenden Central S.U.	6 - 8	356	33.00	2.00	10.79	178.00
11	Hartford Memorial Middle School	Hartford	Hartford S.D.	6 - 8	327	36.05	2.00	9.07	163.50
12	Riverside School	Springfield	Springfield S.D.	6 - 8	305	30.90	2.00	9.87	152.50
	Middlebury Union	Middlebury UHSD #3	Addison Central S.U.	7 - 8	297	32.79	1.80	9.06	165.00

13	Middle School										
14	Milton Junior High School	Milton ID	Milton Town S.D.	7 - 8	288	24.00	2.00	12.00	144.00		
14	Brattleboro Area Middle School UHSD #6	Brattleboro UHSD #6	Windham Southeast S.U.	7 - 8	288	31.80	2.00	9.06	144.00		
14	North Country Junior UHSD #22	North Country Jr UHSD #22	North Country S.U.	7 - 8	288	31.00	2.00	9.29	144.00		
17	Crossett Brook Middle UESD #45	Duxbury/Waterbury Union #45	Washington West S.U.	5 - 8	282	27.73	2.00	10.17	141.00		
18	Lamoille Union Middle School #18	Lamoille UHSD #18	Lamoille North S.U.	7 - 8	270	24.58	2.00	10.98	135.00		
19	Main Street School	Montpelier	Montpelier S.D.	6 - 8	237	22.50	1.00	10.53	237.00		
20	Bellows Falls Middle School	Rockingham	Windham Northeast S.U.	5 - 8	234	24.70	2.00	9.47	117.00		
21	Peoples Academy Middle School	Morristown	Lamoille South S.U.	6 - 8	232	17.58	1.00	13.20	232.00		
22	Woodstock Union Middle School	Woodstock UHSD #4	Windsor Central S.U.	7 - 8	184	16.60	1.00	11.08	184.00		
23	Harwood Union Middle UHSD #19	Harwood UHSD #19	Washington West S.U.	7 - 8	169	15.72	1.32	10.75	128.03		
24	Winooski Middle School	Winooski	Winooski S.D.	6 - 8	162	16.24	0.95	9.98	170.53		
25	Twin Valley Middle School	Whitingham/Wilmington Joint Contract District	Windham Southwest S.U.	6 - 8	123	8.95	1.70	13.74	72.35		

Special Education Students

...as of 6/15/10

Special Education Students: 60

Grade 5	7	Being Evaluated	1
Grade 6	12	Being Evaluated	0
Grade 7	18	Being Evaluated	0
Grade 8	18	Being Evaluated	1

Out of District Students: 1

Brattleboro Retreat	1
Pine Haven	1 (Court Placed, not at district expense)

504 Students: 26

Grade 5	1
Grade 6	7
Grade 7	6
Grade 8	12

EST Students: 36

Grade 5	5
Grade 6	10
Grade 7	4
Grade 8	17

Caseloads of Special Educators

8 Intensive Needs Students

9 Intensive Needs Students

12

12

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Attendance 09-10

As of 6/15/10

Rockingham	94.3%
Athens	94.0%
Grafton	97.4%
Westminster	95.8%
Total	95.4%