

New Bedford Public Schools Awarded Two Competitive Expanded Learning Time Grants

The Only District in Massachusetts to Receive Two ELT Grants.

New Bedford Public Schools has been awarded \$715,600 in funding for Expanded Learning Time grants, the second year in a row that the district has received the competitive funding.

Normandin Middle School received \$385,000 and Hayden McFadden Elementary School received \$330,600. Normandin teachers ratified the proposal to apply for the grant earlier this school year, and an expanded learning time schedule was part of Hayden McFadden's turnaround plan as a school in Level 4 status.

The grant will add one hour a day to Normandin Middle School for all students, as well as additional time after school, while Hayden McFadden's grant will add an hour and a half a day for all students and ten additional school days to the calendar.

"Expanded Learning Time is an incredible opportunity for our kids, and we are very grateful that we received this competitive grant from the state," said Superintendent Pia Durkin. "This is a chance to continue to improve instruction and shows that our strategies are working. Last year, Gomes Elementary School received this grant, the first school in New Bedford to ever receive this important funding from the state. Additional time on teaching and learning for Hayden McFadden, as well as an expanded day for the Normandin Middle School's new innovation program, will give our teachers at these schools the tools they need to serve every child."

Twelve schools statewide applied for the funding with only

three receiving ELT, two of them in New Bedford. This highly competitive process at the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education received proposals from 44 applicants requesting funding for 64 sites, or \$9.8 million in funding with just \$3 million available. Key attributes for applicants according to the DESE were clarity of design, plans for integration of academics into engaging, enrich activities, solid internal/external partnerships, and explicit connections between plans and grant priorities. The three-year ELT grants require reapplication each year.

Bishop Stang High School Celebrates its 54th Commencement

Jackson Markey and Elaina Alzaibak

Bishop Stang High School held its 54 th Commencement ceremony on June 5, 2016 in the John C. O'Brien Gymnasium. Most Reverend Edgar da Cunha, Bishop of Fall River, presided at the graduation of the 154 members of the Class of 2016. The keynote speaker was Dr. Christopher Fortier, Chief Pharmacy Officer at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston and Bishop Stang alumnus Class of 1996. Dr. Fortier counseled graduates to "Never say you are lucky, instead say you are blessed." Jackson Markey of New Bedford, delivered the valedictory address, and Elaina Alzaibak of Tiverton, RI delivered the salutatory welcome. Jackson will attend Brown University, and Elaina will attend Colgate University.

The Class of 2016 earned over \$20 million in grants and scholarships, while being accepted to some of the best

universities and colleges in the world. Valedictorian, Jackson Markey, shared with the graduates, "This is likely the last time the Class of 2016 will be gathered together as one. Soon we will embark on a new climb, each of us up a different mountain. When we look back at this common pinnacle of our lives, high school graduation, may we remember all those who strengthened us to continue on our journeys.

Bishop Stang High School

To learn more about Bishop Stang High School, visit us at www.bishopstang.org , follow us on Twitter @BishopStangHS, and find us on Facebook at Bishop Stang High School.

God bless."

New Bedford High School Receives National Academy Foundation Accreditation

New Bedford High School has received national accreditation through NAF's rigorous Year of Planning (YOP) program and is ready to graduate its three academies – Finance, Information Technology and Health Sciences – as NAF Academies in the fall of 2016.

As the most comprehensive high school in the region with the widest array of Advanced Placement courses, college dual enrollment, Division I athletics and visual and performing arts, the graduation of these academies lends national accreditation to New Bedford High School academics.

The NAF Academies serve to connect students with the business

world, and graduates of one of the high school's NAF academies (all students select an academy) will receive a NAF certification on their diplomas.

"This national designation sets New Bedford High School apart from other schools in the area, and it's another reason that New Bedford High is the school of choice for students who want to be challenged in ways that make them competitive to the college selection process and attractive to prospective employers," said Mayor Jon Mitchell.

Superintendent Pia Durkin said, "New Bedford High School is a school on the rise, and this is a testament to the hard work of staff and leaders at the high school. NAF Academies are a way for our students to gain valuable real-world experience and to stand out when they go on to their incredibly bright futures as they go on to the best colleges in the country or the workforce."

"New Bedford High is one of just eight schools in the nation to graduate more than one NAF Academy at the same time, and this is evidence that our staff is committed to providing the best education for every student here," said Headmaster Bernadette Coelho. "This distinction will serve New Bedford High alumni well as they continue their education and career pathways."

Mayor Mitchell, Dr. Durkin, and Ms. Coelho were joined by members of the Education & Industry Coordinating Council (EICC), a group of local businesspeople who serve in an advisory capacity to the Academies' career connections, and NBHS's, Jane Jacobsen, Academy Coordinator and Facilitator of the EICC.

– The Academy of Finance connects high school students with the world of financial services, offering a curriculum that covers banking and credit, financial planning, international finance, securities, insurance, accounting, and economics.

- The Academy of Information Technology prepares students for career opportunities in programming, database administration, web design and administration, digital networks, and other areas in the expanding digital workplace.

- The Academy of Health Sciences addresses the critical achievement gap in STEM fields and develops a pipeline of students prepared to pursue health-related degrees and professions in one of the fastest growing sectors of the economy, including biotechnology, genetics, nursing, therapeutics, and diagnostics.

The Academy of Engineering is already NAF-accredited, and the Academy of Arts & Humanities is an independent NBHS Academy based on students' academic interests.

- The Academy of Engineering answers an acute need for engineers in this country by educating high school students in the principles of engineering, and providing content in the fields of electronics, biotech, aerospace, civil engineering, and architecture. Academies benefit from support provided by National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering (NACME), ConnectEd, and SME Education Foundation.

- The Academy of Arts & Humanities focuses on visual and performing arts, literature, communications and journalism, traditional humanities and liberal arts, and social sciences including legal services and criminal justice courses, preparing students to apply their education in these subjects to college and career.

NAF President JD Hoyer, said, "On behalf of the entire NAF network, I'd like to congratulate New Bedford High's NAF Academies on this magnificent milestone and welcome them into our family! We look forward to watching our newest academies grow and flourish, as they can be confident that they will possess all the tools and resources they need to become Future Ready."

NBHS will join NAF's network of over 700 academies across 36 states, including DC and the U.S. Virgin Islands. NAF provides high school students with career-themed instruction and hands on experiences in viable industries including finance, hospitality & tourism, information technology, engineering, and health sciences. To start a NAF academy, interested schools must apply and then be chosen through a selective process. They then begin the eighteen month "Year of Planning" program aimed at ensuring that the new academies will fulfill their promise to students and the community. For more information, please visit www.naf.org.

Bishop Stang High School Graduating Class 2016

Bishop Stang Graduating Class of 2016 – Top Ten



*Jackson Markey New
Bedford MA Brown
University*



*Elaina Alzaibak
Tiverton RI Colgate
University*



*Michelle Wedge Plymouth
MA University of
Connecticut*



*Katherine Vasconcelos
Lakeville MA Worcester
Polytechnic Institute*



*Nicholas Pacheco
Westport MA Worcester
Polytechnic Institute*



*Noah Doerr Westport MA
University of MA
Amherst*



*Daniel Fealy
Mattapoisett MA
Providence College*



*Adam Estes Mattapoisett
MA Massachusetts
Institute of Technology*



*Jesse d'Almeida
Westport MA Worcester
Polytechnic Institute*



*Maeve O'Malley
Dartmouth MA University
of Massachusetts
Amherst*

Bishop Stang High School – Graduating Class 2016

Ryleigh Alfonse

Casey Allaire

Elaina Alzaibak

Patricia Alzaibak

Nicholas Andrade

Alexandria Andrade

Jade Arruda

Destin Barboza

Kaleigh Barker

Santiago Bernal

Katherine Boustany

Darren Brillantes

Mathew Cady

Jordyn Calnan

Andrew Camacho

Ryan Cardozo

Jacob Carlson

Sarah Carney

Jaclyn Carrigg

Jack Charbonneau

Jeffrey Chicca

Nicholas Cordeiro

Cassidy Correia

Dominic Correia

Joshua Correia

Ashley Costa

Jacob Couto

Emma Couto

Kaitlyn Cox

Kyle DaCosta

Jesse d'Almeida

Griffin DaRosa

Shyla DaSilva

Avery DeBrito

Amelia DeMelo

Summer DiNardo

Matthew Doane

Noah Doerr

Sophia Doerr

Jacqueline Domingos

Sean Donovan

Brian Donovan

Olivia Dube

Matthew Duggan

Maeve Ennis

Adam Estes

Kathleen Eyre

Erin Fahey

Aaron Fastino

Daniel Fealy

Robert Fernandes

Emma Fernandes

Gregory Fernando

Nicole Ferrell

Taylor Fletcher

Shane Fleury

Hunter Foley

Alison Frazee

Lily Gelinas

Dylan Giblin

Matthew Golden

Lelia Danielle Goncalves

Madison Guarneri

Michael Harland

Mitchell Harney

Edward Harrington

Paul Hoey

Kimberly Huyler

Gabrielle Ikkela

Sabrina Johnson

Kade Kaminski

Eric Kellogg

Timothy Kelly

R. Liam Kidd

Jason King

Bourne Knowles V

Sienna Lapalme

Kristen Lawless

Kristin Leblanc

Rebecca Leblanc

Jacquelyn Legendre

Elizabeth Lonergan

Gabrielle Lopez

Elizabeth MacFarland

Madison Machado

Logan Maher

Meghan Mahoney

Micah Makowski

Sophia Marcalo

Clare Markey

Jackson Markey

Isaac Martin

Peter Martin

Alec Mauk

Emelia McCarron

Rachel McGuire

Conor McIsaac

Abigail McLaughlin

Abigayle Means

Jordan Mello

Sydney Morin

Garret Morris

Lily Murray

Maeve O'Malley

Nicholas Pacheco

Christian Paim

Rebekah Patterson

Cole Pavao

Nathan Pavao

Lucas Payette

Justin Peek

Michael Pelletier

Nikolaj Peltier

Megan Pereira

Marc Perry

Megan Quinlan

Thomas Quinlan

Julianne Raposo

Mia Rapoza

Joseph Rapoza

Samantha Rego

Jessica Rush

Joshua Ryan

Emma Saulnier

William Saunders, Jr.

Cecilia Schneider

Lauren Shallcross

Helena Shea

Katherine Sheerin

Mackenzie Shurtleff

Michael Skarbek

Ariana Smaldone

Molly Smith

Brandon Smith

Nicholas Souza

Emilie Spinner

Alexander Stowe

Hunter Strangis

Cody Tai

Christopher Tetreault

Caleb Thomas

Jarod Thompson

Shae Trabert

Nicole Vachon

Katherine Vasconcelos

Lucas Vicente

Ethan Vieira

Klaudia Vincze

Nicholas Viveiros

Michelle Wedge

Emma Weis

Lauren Woods

Kathryn Woods

Marc Zaknoun

New Bedford Showcases More Than 3,500 Student Artists in Annual District-wide Art Show

In Massachusetts' largest exhibit of student art, New Bedford Public Schools will showcase the creativity of more than 3,500 student artists during the annual NBPS District-Wide Art Show at the Paul Rodrigues Administration Building at 455 County Street.

The District-Wide Art Show is Thursday, May 12 with doors

opening at 5:00 p.m. beginning with performances by the All-City Middle School Jazz Band and Jazz Combo.

Works displayed at the show include two dimensional, mixed media and three dimensional sculptures from students in grades K-12.

Thousands of children, parents, educators and community members will gather for a recognition ceremony at 6:00 p.m., with the show continuing through 7:15 p.m. with a performance by the Renaissance Community School for the Arts String Ensemble

At 6:00 p.m., a recognition ceremony will include Mayor Jon Mitchell, members of the School Committee and City Council, and Superintendent Pia Durkin.

Tracy Silva Barbosa, a New Bedford community artist, will be the keynote speaker at the recognition ceremony. Ms. Silva Barbosa painted a beautiful mural at Sgt. William H. Carney Academy this year.

Middle and high school student artists will be recognized by an expert panel of independent judges. Exemplary works will receive a Gold Key or Silver Key for Excellence in Visual Arts award.

For the Best in Show category, Evelyn Rodman at the middle school level and Abby Jupin at the high school level were this year's winners.

Through the work of the districts' visual art teachers, who collectively mounted the exhibit for the benefit of their students, this spectacular show is on display during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. through May 20. Art is located throughout the first and second floor hallways at the Paul Rodrigues Administration Building.

"We are excited to welcome New Bedford parents and community

members to our annual art show to see the talented, beautiful work of our kids under the instruction of our educators in art,” said Superintendent Durkin. “This year is an especially exciting show because with the restoration of a full week of school beginning in September for elementary students, New Bedford’s children will now have more access not only to visual arts, but also music, health, technology and physical education. These are all major components of a child’s well-rounded education and we are looking forward to this opportunity for New Bedford students.”

For more information about the visual or performing arts in the New Bedford Public Schools contact Lynn Souza, Director of Fine Arts and Music, at 508-997-4511 ext. 3352.

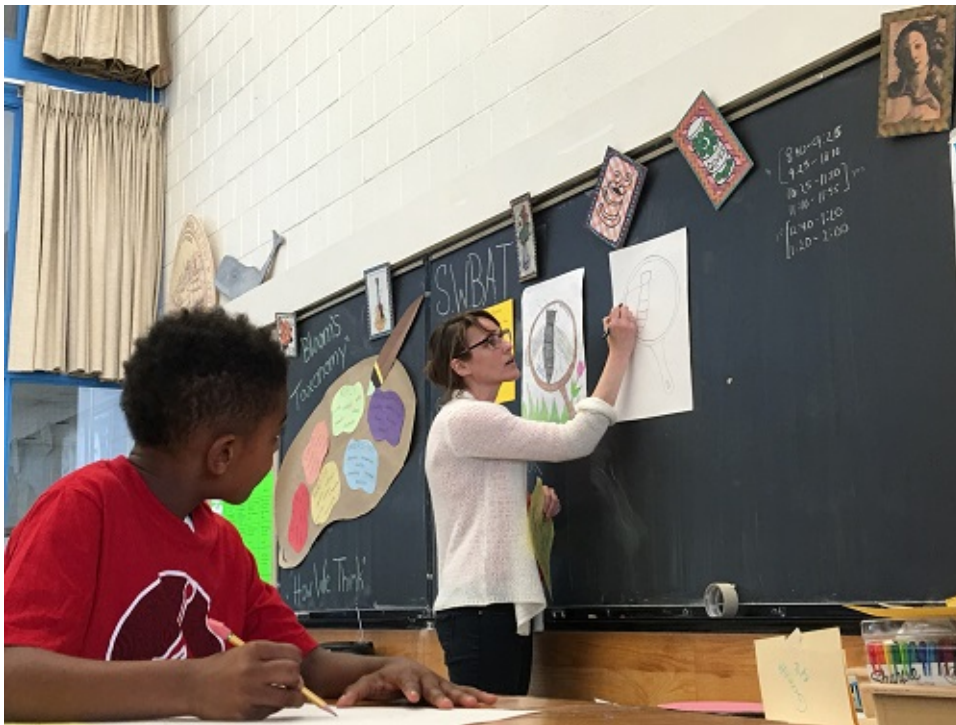
New Bedford teachers agree to new labor contract

At a press conference today at Sgt. William H. Carney Academy, Mayor Jon Mitchell and members of the School Committee joined with New Bedford Public Schools Superintendent Pia Durkin to announce the parties have reached a new labor contract for New Bedford teachers, ratified by the New Bedford Educators Association, subject to approval of the New Bedford School Committee.

Thursday evening, New Bedford teachers voted to ratify the three-year contract, which will provide more planning time to elementary classroom teachers and result in the hiring of more music, art, physical education, health, and technology specialist teachers across the district, meaning weekly access to these important classes for all elementary students in the

city.

Since 1975, elementary schools in New Bedford have released early on Fridays, leaving city students behind as the only children in a public school district in Massachusetts without a full week of school, and denying their access to art, music, physical education, health, and technology.



A student at Sgt Wm H Carney Academy listens to his teacher during a lesson. Photo by Michael Silvia.

"This is a landmark agreement that provides expanded learning time for our elementary students including more physical education, art and music. The contract also provides elementary school teachers more common planning time which is to be led by their fellow teachers. Our students and their parents deserve full days of learning, this agreement enables that and I am grateful to the teachers for their support," said Mayor Jon Mitchell.

Superintendent Pia Durkin said the New Bedford Educators Association made history in the city with their dedication to providing more to the children of New Bedford.

“With this contract, our kids finally have a full week of school and the art, music, health, technology and physical education every week – just like students in other districts across the state,” said Dr. Durkin. “We commend the hard work of the New Bedford Educators Association and its leadership, and of all NBEA members, in supporting the children and teachers of this city with their vote.”

Highlights of the new contract, which covers the period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2019, include:

A full week of education for all elementary students: While in recent years Parker, Hayden-McFadden, Renaissance and Gomes elementary schools have gained a full week of school for all students, the remaining elementary students in New Bedford have not. Fridays will no longer be half-days at the city’s elementary schools, and students will now have weekly access to art class, music, physical education, health, and technology classes.

- Teachers receive an increase in planning time: Teachers at the elementary level will now receive more time dedicated to planning together, a collaborative way of working together that benefits both students and teachers.
- Teacher-led professional development: Teachers will now have the ability to design and deliver professional development to their fellow teachers and colleagues.
- Compensation and benefit increase for teachers: The three year contract beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2019, will include:
 - Beginning July 1, 2016: eliminate Step 1; increase Steps 2-12 by 1.75%; add Step 13, at 2% more than the Step 12 current rate.
 - Beginning July 1, 2017: increase Steps 2-12 by 1.75%; increase Step 13 by 2%
 - Beginning July 1, 2018: increase Steps 2-12 by

1.75%; increase Step 13 by 2%

City on a Hill New Bedford lottery deadline May 4th

City on a Hill New Bedford is accepting student lottery entry forms until May 4th for students interested in enrolling in grade 9 for fall 2016.

City on a Hill is currently accepting lottery entry forms from current 8th graders interested in attending during the 2016-2017 school year. The deadline to submit a lottery entry form is tomorrow, May 4, 2016. There are three ways to enter the lottery. You can call Edwin at 508-441-4756 and a live person will walk you through the entire process and complete the form for you over the phone. You can visit our website at <http://www.cityonahill.org/attend-city-on-a-hill-new-bedford/lotteryentryform/> or you can visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/coahnb.

About City on a Hill

City on a Hill Charter Public School New Bedford is part of a network of three college preparatory high schools in the cities of Boston and New Bedford. Each City on a Hill school is tuition-free and open to all students. CoaH schools do not have entrance exams; students are admitted by a random lottery.

Serving students who are traditionally underserved by the public school system, City on a Hill has college-prep academic standards for all students, a strong and safe school culture, and the commitment to the structures and supports that help kids reach those high standards. With a strong emphasis on citizenship, City on a Hill teaches students that they have

the power and right to make changes in their school, communities, and city.

Locals learn “free hands only” CPR training as part of New Bedford Wellness Initiative

People learned how to save a life with free hands only CPR training this past Sunday at the Greater New Bedford Boys And Girls Club as part of the New Bedford Wellness Initiative program.

New Bedford High Wrestling Team Wins Division 1 South Sectional Title

The New Bedford High School wrestling team out scored Braintree by 7 points to win the Division 1 South Sectional Wrestling Title. New Bedford had five individual champions; Brett Layton, Cody Costa, Brandon Layton, AJ King, and David Watts. New Bedford high head wrestling coach Steve Sentes was named South Sectional Coach of the Year (voted by the other coaches in the tournament).

New Bedford High School Student Lillianne Condez Performs Monologue

After Jasmine Guy's (A Different World, Harlem Nights) Master Class in Acting given to New Bedford High School Students yesterday, a few of the students were able to perform a monologue. Here's Lillianne Condez's performance.