

# NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



To: Nashoba Regional School Committee  
From: Michael Wood, Superintendent of Schools  
Re: Space Needs at NRHS

October 22, 2013

As you may recall the NASHOBA Regional School Committee identified significant space, condition of building and academic program needs at the district's high school in 2012 and applied for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority to help to address these needs. Unfortunately, our collective effort to communicate effectively what these needs were in the time frame we had was not enough and the opportunity to support the grant through a local matching bond failed.

**Superintendent**  
*Michael L. Wood*

I recognized that time to understand what these needs are and to get more input from our local communities were two factors that hindered our attempts. I would like to address this by forming an exploratory committee that will examine the current and projected space needs at our high school, study the condition of the building and develop multiple solutions that would be recommended for consideration. This committee needs to be broad based and to have connections to as many constituent groups as possible. I would like the help of each town's governing bodies in identifying people who would be interested in serving by asking that you recommend individuals from your local boards.

**Assistant  
Superintendent**  
*George P. King, Jr.*

I think it would work best to have the following representatives from each town:

**Director of  
Human Resources**  
*Monica Visco*

Board of Selectmen Representative  
Capital Planning Representative  
Finance Representative

**Director of  
Facilities and  
Maintenance**  
*Bill Cleary*

Additionally, I will be asking for a representative from each department in our high school, one representative from each middle school and a member of the NRHS school council and school committee to sit on this committee.

**Director of  
Special Education**  
*Tracy Conte*

I think that this broad based group will have enough perspective to ask the right questions, collect the right data and make responsive recommendations for consideration.

**Director of  
Athletics**  
*Tania Rich*

I hope to have the group up and running by mid November 2013, a progress report by June 2014 and recommendations for the school committee for January 2015. These recommendations may include requests for funding for studies and these requests would be part of the regional district's budget request for FY 16.

I would like for the NRSC to endorse the creation of a high school space study task force to study the current space use, projected program needs and the associated space needs and provide multiple recommendations to address both over the next ten (10) years.

I will be discussing this with the NRSC Finance Sub Committee and seeking their endorsement and recommendation as well.

I will be happy to answer any questions that you might have.