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Superintendent's Report to the NRSD School Committee November 30, 2022

Announcement:

Last April, the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education conducted a targeted review for “Student Centered Systems” as defined in the Targeted Review Guidance provided in the meeting materials. The targeted review focused on curriculum and instruction, assessment, and student support. The Nashoba Regional School District Targeted Review, included in the meeting materials, was a comprehensive process conducted by the American Institutes for Research (AIR). The methodology for the review is described in the report as stated here:

A district review team consisting of AIR staff members and subcontractors, with expertise in each district standard, reviews documentation and extant data before conducting an on-site visit. On-site data collection includes team members conducting interviews and focus group sessions with a wide range of stakeholders, including school committee members, teachers' association representatives, district and school administrators, teachers, students, and students' families. Team members also observe classroom instruction and collect data using the Teachstone CLASS protocol. Virtual interviews and focus groups also are conducted as needed. Following the site visit, the team members code and analyze the data to develop a set of objective findings. The team lead and multiple quality assurance reviewers, including DESE staff, then review the initial draft of the report. DESE staff provides recommendations for the district, based on the findings of strengths and areas of growth identified before AIR finalizes and submits the report to DESE. DESE previews and then sends the report to the district for factual review before publishing it on the DESE website.

This report outlines the “Key Strengths” and “Areas of Growth” identified in the process. Almost all of the recommendations provided in this analysis are addressed in the NRSD 2027 Strategic Plan. We will use the targeted review as a guiding document to update the action steps towards the identified objectives in the plan.

Update on Strategic Work

MCAS Results 2022

Included in the meeting materials is a presentation on MCAS which will be provided by Assistant Superintendent Laura Friend.

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