

Welcome back!

For the rest of the 2011-2012 school year, we will continue to provide students in the Waltham School District with the educational services and support needed in order to be successful. Our mission *is our purpose to provide the opportunity and the positive environment for all students to acquire skills, knowledge, and self-confidence in order to maximize their potential to become productive, responsible, and respectful citizens.* Our primary focus is on improving the academic achievement of all students in the Waltham School District. In addition, we will continue our renewed efforts to provide continual professional development ensuring a quality learning atmosphere for the professionals on our team to best benefit our students and communities.

We have set high expectations for students, teachers, and administrators. We know that a quality education does not come easy. Our success depends on the hard work of our teachers as they prepare effective lessons every day, focusing on the needs of every child.

Our commitment to the district, we have asked teachers to set high expectations for all children. We have asked our staff to ensure all children are provided an education that will serve them well their entire lives. It is our expectation that our students will work hard to reach their full potential and to make good decisions about the life they want to lead. We will work to ensure that each child has a vision and a plan for their futures that include high school graduation and life beyond the Waltham School District. We will continue to ask parents to be involved in their child's education. We will also ask them to find the time to help their children complete school assignments, encourage their children to read and teach their children to take responsibility for learning. As parents we should to talk to their children about what they want to do with their lives and help them develop a plan to accomplish their goals.

Education is a joint venture. We must work together to enable students in the Waltham School District to thrive and achieve at their highest levels. I am proud to be leading the Waltham School District as we **“achieve excellence every day”**. Together we can do **“whatever it takes”** to reach our goals and meet the needs of our students and community.