

# GREENWICH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## NEWS

Tuesday, March 18, 2008

### HAMILTON AVENUE SCHOOL FACILITY AND RELOCATION PLAN UPDATE

#### **Modular Facility Update:**

*3-18-08: Charles Schwartz, from Environmental Assessments & Solutions, Inc., Michael Long from the Greenwich Department of Health and the independent consultant hired by the Board of Education from Hygenix conferred over the comprehensive set of results and have agreed that it is safe to distribute the materials in the modulares to the relocation schools and/or to storage.*

*On Wednesday afternoon (March 19<sup>th</sup>) Hamilton Avenue School staff will be permitted into the building to pick up their personal belongings and to identify materials for packing and moving that are essential for instruction for the remainder of the school year. Packing will begin on Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup> and moving will begin on Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>.*

3-17-08: Per results of testing received on March 17<sup>th</sup>, the amount of formaldehyde present is one tenth the amount of the State of Connecticut's guideline.

3-13-08: An environmental report was presented at the March 13<sup>th</sup> Board meeting providing a summary of testing conducted and results received to that date. A copy of the report is posted to the HAS Update page of the web site.

#### **Transportation:**

Dr. Sternberg rode the Parkway bus on Friday afternoon (March 14<sup>th</sup>) with HAS 1<sup>st</sup> graders. To address the concerns of the number of students on the bus and the length of the ride, beginning Monday, March 17, 2008, there will be a monitor on the bus and a second bus will be dispatched for the students attending the Boy and Girls Club after school program.

District administration and security personnel continue to investigate concerns around the Weaver and Charles Streets bus stop.

#### **HAS Attendance:**

Hamilton Avenue School attendance for last week is in line with the average attendance rate at 95% for March 10<sup>th</sup>, 94% for March 11<sup>th</sup>, and 95% for March 12<sup>th</sup>, 97% for March 13<sup>th</sup>, 94% and for March 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Connecticut Mastery Tests (CMT):**

CMT practice tests were administered to Hamilton Avenue students on Monday. CMT testing for Grade 3-5 begins today, Tuesday, March 18, 2008.

**Board of Education:**

The Board of Education's *March 27, 2008 Board Meeting* Agenda will include an update on the Hamilton Avenue School building project, relocation plan and modular facility.

Updates are posted to a dedicated page on the District site daily and/or as they become available. Go to [www.greenwichschools.org](http://www.greenwichschools.org) and follow the link on the home page.

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