

The METCO Program

(Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunities)



Collaboration

Objective: Break down the silo culture perceived around METCO, increase partnerships within Natick Public schools and community at large.

Goal: Increase engagement between both communities to reciprocate rapport in respective areas.



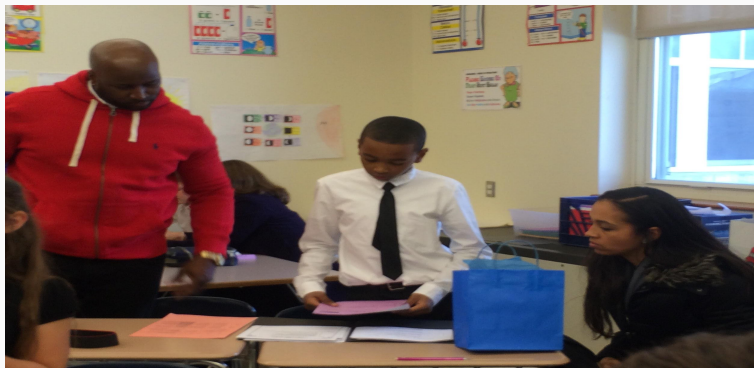
Accomplishments

- Partnerships with community organizations Needham Bank, SparkKindness, Clergy of Natick, Wegmans, Roche Bros.
- Improving collaboration with teachers by participating in new teacher orientation and teaching and learning course.
- Last year a \$1 million increase. Every year we participate in METCO Advocacy Day.

Communication

Objective: Increase communication touch points to provide transparency for parents, students and district administrators.

Goal: By the end of this year all parties feel "well informed" about the activities, performance, and future direction of the Natick METCO program.



Accomplishments

- Active Twitter and Facebook pages
- Three meetings a year with attendance from district leaders, faculty and staff
- Flow of communication to and from METCO Headquarters in Boston supporting Natick district goals.
- Individual communication with families on a regular basis.

Cultural Perception

Objective: Establish an environment that welcomes and supports our varied backgrounds and experiences to create a culture of respect and understanding for those experiences.

Goal: Cultural awareness and respect continues to evolve as the fabric of our town and school community.



Accomplishments

- Partnerships with professionals of color in the various fields.
- Contribute content for professional development opportunities about cultural awareness in teaching practices.
- Building the student voice through peer advocates (NHS) and Wilson (Crew) .

Student Success

Objective: Students achieve full academic, social, emotional potential accessing resources available through school and community partnerships.

Goal: Every student has a plan and is supported to achieve their goal(s) academically and personally.



Accomplishments

- Classroom visits, regular meetings with guidance and administration to discuss student success.
- Member of the data and leadership teams at school and district levels.
- Graduates of the program build affinity for NPS and return often to attend events and speak with their peers about college and careers.

Highlights & Challenges

Highlights

Wilson Crew (after school Affinity group)

Achievement Challenge Empowered Scholars (ACES)

Higher number of students challenging themselves with higher level courses.

Increase in student engagement arts extra-curricular clubs.

Challenges

Being a middle and high school program only

Boston Parent Connections

Building confidence in the student voice

Social and Academic transition to a new community

Questions?

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