

**ACTON PUBLIC SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND
ACTON-BOXBOROUGH REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Educational Values and Interests
PRESENTATION AGENDA
January 28, 2010
7:30-8:30PM**

1. Introduction
 - Statement of Purpose
 - The growing partnership through survey instruments
 - The commitment from the school committee, community, and schools to study educational trends and demographic shifts
 - Summer 2009 Leadership Conference reflection
2. Parents and Guardians
 - Data; aggregate, disaggregate and comments
 - Present findings
3. Staff and Faculty
 - Data; aggregate
 - Comparisons to Parent and Guardian Survey
4. Take Away Messages
 - Parents and guardians live here because they value education with a high priority on achievement.
 - Most families are very pleased with the education provided in Acton and Acton-Boxborough.
 - The work of the Study Group can now be used to create an atmosphere for open dialogue in which values, culture, and diversity can be discussed in a respectful, thoughtful, and reflective way. The “gift” to our community is the opportunity to move beyond stereotypes to enhance conversations openly and with a shared mission.
 - Creating a shared vocabulary for further exploring educational values and ideas is critical for continued dialogue.
5. Practical Next Steps
 - Discussion of the data with faculty and staff
 - Obtain input from faculty and staff
 - Identify data points for further study
 - Consider student input through survey process
 - Isolate the challenges by theme and priority
 - Increase awareness and facilitate dialogue as critical outcomes of these surveys
6. Longitudinal Implications for Superintendent, School Committees, and budget planning
 - The dialogue is a beginning of a multi-dimensional, multi-year project of understanding and respecting commonalities and differences
 - This is a “work in progress” and more discussion, dialogue, and reflective thinking will be required to vet the critical curriculum issues and its implications for budget
 - Request for School Committee representation on Educational Values and Interests study group
 - Every 6 months, an executive summary will be given to the school committee noting the progress and direction of the Educational Values and Interests study group
7. School Committee Dialogue; Questions and Discussion