



## CANTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents, Friends and Staff:

On behalf of the Canton Board of Education, welcome back and our best wishes to all for a successful new school year. This has to be one of the quickest summers on record but the Board and Administrative Team are very excited about the 2007-2008 school year beginning.

It has been a busy summer for the Central Office Staff and our Superintendent Kevin Case. The District welcomes 15 new, certified staff members to our schools. Our kindergarten class enrollment is at 129, slightly below forecast; our senior class graduation number is projected to be 125. In all, there are no surprises relative to total enrollment which stands at 1739 districtwide.

Topping the list of 2007-2008 priorities for the Board of Education will be an in-depth study of our buildings and playing fields. This year the Board of Education will focus a number of resources on creating a long-term space plan for our schools. Recently we have hired an outside firm to help us study current space capacity and how we allocate that space relative to class structure. Concurrently, the Board and the Town are undertaking an engineering study of our playing fields in order to handle increasing demand and to maximize space for the future. The Town and the Board of Education support the notion of a community track and continue to plan the best way to make that a reality.

Finally, the State budget adopted this past June made some favorable adjustments in its education grant awards providing Canton with a higher dollar allocation than anticipated. In discussion with the Board of Finance, the Board of Education is in the process of reviewing our Capital Plan to prioritize projects that will provide Canton with real savings for early intervention. An example of that thinking would be to purchase our new financial accounting software package as opposed to a three-year financing plan; this is a savings of over \$15,000. By September, the Board of Education will be submitting a list of projects to the Board of Finance for consideration.

The Board of Education meets every second and fourth Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Community Center. Agendas and Meeting Minutes are always posted on the website, in addition to other valuable information. Please check [www.cantonschools.org](http://www.cantonschools.org) frequently. I, along with my fellow Board members, welcome your input and comments; so please do not hesitate to contact any of us should you have a question.

Have a great year!

Best regards,

Lou Daniels, Chair  
Canton Board of Education