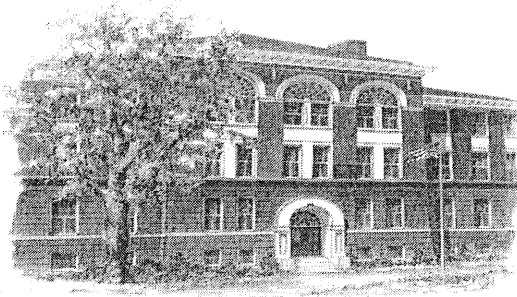


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### STAFFING

Ms. Joan Breault	<b>**New**</b> Dean of Alternative School, replacing James Carver
Mr. Brian Beck	Social Studies
Ms. Jan Boyatsis	Administrative Assistant
Mr. Scott Evans	PE/Math
Ms. Mindee Poland	Student Support Assistant
Mr. Ben Schwartz	English and Special Education Teacher/Case Manager
Ms. Vicki Thomas	Program Counselor
Mr. James Walker	Science

We are excited to have Ms. Joan Breault joining us as the Dean of the Alternative Program for this school year. Joan has many years of experience as a clinical supervisor at the Lighthouse Program in North Chelmsford, MA and also has a background in mental health counseling and special education.

We also are fortunate to have all of our teaching and support staff returning this year.

### PROGRAM

As we move into the new school year and as a result of new leadership, there have been some revisions begun to the handbook for the Dover Alternative Program. Many of the revisions apply to the future focus of the program. The new Dean has a strong background in therapeutic interventions with students within an academic setting. It has been evident that many of our students have various needs other than academics. In order for these students to be successful within an academic setting it is essential that their social/emotional issues are addressed. The Dover Alternative Program will have a strong emphasis on goal setting and positive reinforcement.

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## ENROLLMENT (AS OF AUGUST 6, 2014)

In District Students 10 (all identified as students with educational disabilities)

Out of District Tuition Students 3 (all identified as students with educational disabilities)

Tuition agreements were sent to sending districts earlier this month.

## REFERRALS/PENDING INTAKE

In District 3 incoming freshmen, 5 upper classmen

Out of District Tuition Students None at this time, updated program information packets  
Being sent to area directors and agencies \*\*\*

## STUDENT PROGRESS STATUS

The Dover Alternative Program served a total of 23 students during the 13-14 school year, nine of which were out of district tuition students.

- ✓ 1 in district and 1 out of district student earned diplomas last spring.
- ✓ 1 out of district student made significant gains and is returning to full time public high school this fall
- ✓ 1 student aged out (turned 21) without earning a diploma
- ✓ 1 Student entered a residential rehabilitation facility
- ✓ 2 students were placed at YDSU (1 has the potential to return in the fall)
- ✓ 4 students are on track to earn diplomas at the end of the 14-15 school year

## CHALLENGES

- ✓ Decrease in enrollments from other districts
- ✓ Increase in mental health and substance abuse issues

## BUDGET INFORMATION

- ✓ The Alternative program ended FY 14 with a fund balance of \$62,422.07
- ✓ \$198,695.00 was generated in tuition from out of district student enrollment
- ✓ The fund transfer to the Enterprise Fund, from the Dover School District remains at \$392,700.00 for FY15
- ✓ Current tuition agreements are billing at \$96,250.00 for FY 15 (2 full year and a half year student)
- ✓ Total budget expenses for FY 15 are expected to be \$593,409.09

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