

# News Release - Selection of Steering Committee Members

## Agawam High School

### Names Steering Committee for NEASC Accreditation

#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Principal Thomas Schnepf of Agawam High School today announced the names of steering committee members who will direct the school's efforts during its self-study and the Accreditation by the Commission on Public Schools of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. The steering committee will be chaired by Assistant Principal Susan Feyre and co-chaired by faculty members, Dominic Costanzi and Kathryn Procter.

The members of the Steering Committee and Standards leadership teams are:

#### Steering Committee Members:

Tom Schnepf, Principal

Sue Feyre, Asst. Principal, Chairperson

Amber Waters, *Core Values, Beliefs, and Learning Expectations* Liaison

Kathryn Procter, Co-Chairperson and *Curriculum* Liaison

Mary Bonavita, *Instruction* Liaison

Dominic Costanzi, Co-Chairperson and *Assessment of and for Student Learning* Liaison

Sue Niles, *Community Resources for Learning* Liaison

Lynne Hauser, *School Culture and Leadership* Liaison

Matt Stinson, *School Resources for Learning* Liaison

#### Standard 1: Core Values, Beliefs, and Learning Expectations

- Erica Schlaffer, Co-Chair
- Jen Allard, Co-Chair

#### Standard 2: Curriculum

- Rachel Patterson, Co-Chair
- Vanessa Violette, Co-Chair

#### Standard 3: Instruction

- Joe Buonagurio, Co-Chair
- Nancy Cilimberg, Co-Chair

#### Standard 4: Assessment of and for Student Learning

- Nikali Benkert, Co-Chair
- Jen Benjamin, Co-Chair

#### Standard 5: School Culture and Leadership

- Richard Feeley, Co-Chair

- Sable Johnson, Co-Chair

Standard 6: School Resources for Learning

- Jen LaPoint, Co-Chair
- Michelle VanOostveen, Co-Chair

Standard 7: Community Resources for Learning

- Christophe Huestis, Co-Chair
- Kevin Pender, Co-Chair

Scott Trahan, *Event Planner*

NEASC membership requires that a school undergo a self-study and formal evaluation at least once every ten years. The steering committee's responsibilities will include coordinating a schedule of events for the school's self-study, collecting reports from various subcommittees, and making necessary preparations for the evaluation committee's visit on Sunday, September 29, through Wednesday, October 2, 2019.

According to Steering Committee Chairperson Feyre, "The self-study will include the completion of a comprehensive assessment of teaching and learning and the support of teaching and learning. The focus of the Accreditation visit will be to determine the extent to which our programs and services carry out the school's core values and beliefs about student learning and how they align with the Committee on Public Secondary School's Standards for Accreditation."