

News Release – The Accreditation Visit September 26, 2019

Agawam High School

Update re: New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) Accreditation

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Fifteen educators will conduct an on-site Accreditation visit of Agawam High School on Sunday, September 29, through Wednesday, October 2. The Accreditation visit will be conducted under the direction of the Committee on Public Secondary Schools of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). The visiting team will be chaired by Ms. Laurie Farkas, who has worked in the Pioneer Valley for over thirty years as an educational administrator. Ms. Farkas has had extensive experience in the Association’s accreditation process.

The purpose of this accreditation visit is to review and determine from an outside professional viewpoint the extent to which the school is aligning with the seven Standards for Accreditation. As part of the evaluation, the visiting team will meet with all school constituents, review the school’s Self-Study, visit a number of classes, and examine examples of student work submitted by the school. During the comprehensive Self-Study, the faculty identified the school’s strengths and determined those areas in which changes would be beneficial, and the goal of this Accreditation visit is to further stimulate a continuing drive for improvement in the school.

The Chairperson of the visiting team, Ms. Farkas, said, “Our purpose in visiting Agawam High School is to assist the faculty in its pursuit of quality education for its students.” Agawam High School is appreciative of the members of the visiting team who are volunteering their services to the school. The members are teachers and administrators from a variety of schools in the Massachusetts area. This spirit of professional cooperation is one of the noted features of NEASC.

The New England Association of Schools and Colleges is a voluntary membership organization of more than 2,000 public schools, colleges, and universities, independent schools, and vocational, technical, and career institutions. Of these, over 630 secondary schools have been accredited through this continued process of evaluation. Agawam High School has proudly maintained accreditation since 1944.



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