LEXINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, October 16, 2007 Humphrey Center, 48 Malcolm X Boulevard Boston, Massachusetts

Present: Superintendent Paul Ash, School Committee Chair Tom Diaz, School Committee Members: Tom Griffiths, Helen Cohen, Ravi Sakhuja, and Margaret Coppe. Student Representative Gabe Schonfeld. Minutes taken by Tom Diaz.

1. Call to Order and Welcome (Tom Diaz)

Mr. Diaz welcomed Boston parents to the meeting.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Members' Report, Members' Concerns

There were no reports.

4. Discussion Items

Dr. Ash introduced Vito LaMura to discuss student performance and the achievement gap. Mr. LaMura presented information showing the gap in MCAS performance and explained the project he will undertake to study solutions in other districts. He distributed a questionnaire to parents and other attendees, gathering audience feedback as part of his study.

At approximately 8:15 the audience divided into breakout sections, by school, to talk to their principals and other parents. A breakout session was also provided for parents who wanted to further discuss the achievement gap.

Committee voted 5-0 to adjourn at 9:00 PM. (Griffiths, Cohen)