

MORE GOOD NEWS FROM NEASC

As we all know, accreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) is not an event, but an ongoing process. After two years of self-evaluation, we received our accreditation visit in October of 2006. In April 2007 we informed that we had received full accreditation on all standards by NEASC. As a normal part of the NEASC report we received a number of commendations and a few recommendations for improvement. As required, a follow up committee was established, chaired by Mr. Richard Gable, to address the recommendations we had been given. The end result of that committee was the required two-year report which was submitted in October, 2008. We are happy to announce that we just received formal notification that our two-year report was reviewed and full accreditation has been continued.

The commission praised many things about our school. Some of the many aspects of our school found praiseworthy by the NEASC commission are:

- alignment of the portfolio process with the school's mission and the offering of new electives
- the reorganization of academic seminar
- the professional staff's continued focus on the examination and discussion of student work
- the increased access students have to the media center
- the increased opportunities teachers have for leadership roles
- the revisions to the program of studies
- the modifications to processes and forms with the special education program
- the thoroughness of the report submitted by the professional staff
- the school's successful implementation of 67% of the recommendations from the original report by the beginning of this school year

We are very proud of the work each and every staff member has done during this important and work-intensive process. The success we are enjoying would not have come without everyone's willingness to contribute their skills, ideas, and dedication. Our goal is to continue to build upon this solid foundation we have created to enable Nathan Hale-Ray High School to deliver the very best educational opportunities to the students and families of East Haddam.