



### Report of Meeting of ADA Committee members with School Superintendent Dr. Oakley on February 25, 2010.

Location: Superintendent's office, Spring Street School

Time: 11:00 AM

Attendance: Dr. Patricia Oakley; Mr. Sczymaniak, Middle-High School principal; Julie Hamblin; head custodian; Sara Amaral, financial manager & ADA members-Diane Perry, Mary Petrie, Marilyn Raleigh

Committee members voiced our concerns about handicap-accessible issues needing to be resolved and Julie Hamblin presented actions taken thus so far on same.

1. Media center parking lot: pole and signage designating a regular handicapped vehicle or van have been placed. We (members) pointed out that if an eligible car parked next to the van space, lift could not be utilized. It was agreed that another regular handicapped vehicle space would be designated on the other side of entrance onto sidewalk.
2. West Center Street: handicap vehicle drop off at front of school building. Painting of space and signage has been installed. School department was unable to repair the curb cut scheduled for summer 2009 due to cost. Contractors consulted recommended that entire area be corrected at one time. Cost approximately 15-20 thousand dollars. Temporary plan, possible as early as April vacation is to remove a five foot section of defective curbing and install a curb cut using hot patch.
3. Howard Street parking lot:
  - a. During site visit there was a car parked in the "No Parking" striped areas that are to be left free in order to accommodate users of handicap-accessible areas adjacent.
  - b. Copies of the rules governing use of handicap spaces were left with Dr. Oakley so that school staff can be made aware of them. If tickets that were left with school staff last year cannot be located, ADA Committee will furnish them with others.
  - c. Committee recommended that handicapped entrance into school from this parking lot also be repaired when West Center Street entrance is done. The egress through the door is uneven and makes either wheelchair or ambulatory access difficult.

- d. Handicap-accessible lavatories: concern had been raised about whether lavatories are accessible due to a newspaper report involving NEASC. School department reported that 23 public lavatories are accessible, 7 private bathrooms are not. In the event major building occurs, all bathrooms will probably be made accessible.

Respectfully submitted

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