



Director Report

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“Relate. Connect. Understand”

“Micro” Moment:

More Microsociety Schools Should Be Opened

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Schools with a Microsociety or Micro Time in them are cool and fun! They are great for all ages, as well. Therefore, I believe that more Microsociety schools should be opened.

One reason that more schools should have Micro Time is that it is educational and it helps students prepare for the future. A Microsociety will help kids learn how to write and cash checks. It will teach students how the Government works. It will also teach them how the bank and other real-life agencies work.

Another thing that makes Microsociety schools worth making more of is that they allow students of different ages to communicate with each other. Communication is a very important thing for people of all ages, and some schools don't offer enough time for that. But a Microsociety school offers plenty of time for students to work and shop together. It will teach students how to work together as a team and help each other, as well.

The best part of a Microsociety school is that it's fun! On their days off, students are able to shop together at unique student-run businesses. In a Microsociety school the students get to choose or vote on most things like the currency, mascot, President, Vice President, and more Government positions. Plus, a Microsociety school is very hands-on so the students learn about leadership and their responsibilities while having fun.

In conclusion, Microsociety schools are helpful to students and their learning. Microsociety schools help them prepare for the future and learn the important skills they will need to know. So, more Microsociety schools should be opened to help students be prepared!

Enrollment Numbers (as of 3/11/17):

K - 20	4th - 22
1st - 20	5th - 22
2nd- 21	6th- 23
3rd - 21	Total : 149

Upcoming/Recent Happenings at MACS:

Teacher observations and contracts have been completed. Amy has developed interview committees and plan on conducting interviews for new staff after the April vacation. Positions we are looking to hire is incoming middle school teacher (math/science), Kindergarten teacher, Computer/Integration Specialist, Paraprofessional, Art Teacher, PE teacher, Administrative Assistant, After School Program Lead Teacher, After School Band Teacher and Substitutes. We hope to have all positions filled by the end of the school year.

The NH Lottery Commission and Boston Billiards has completed and, after expenses, we received \$28,000!

Another successful MACS Auction was held on April 7th. We had about 50 more participants than our first year and raised \$14,021.60! Thank you to everyone who donated, volunteered and attended the event. We can not wait till next year!

MicroSociety Update:

Sylvia from MicroSociety Inc. is here from April 18th-20th. Teachers have been participating in trainings with Sylvia and have had time to sit down and collaborate as a group regarding Micro practices and future planning.

Our Micro Day is on April 19th. Parents and interested stakeholders can use the signup genius link so they can reserve a time slot. - <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e4da5af2ba6f85-micro>
Visitors will be able to exchange US currency for Micro Bucks and visit student run ventures and agencies! We hope to see everyone attend. The students are excited and already making special plans.

Friends of MACS Update:

Friends of MACS is holding a Scholastic Book Fair from April 17th-21st at the school.

On April 19th, there will be a cause night at the new Merrimack Friendly's on route 101. Bring the family and have a portion of your bill donated to MACS!

Lastly. Preparation is underway for the first MACS Talent Show! Join us at Elm Street Auditorium on May 19th at 7pm. Tickets will go on sale shortly. Look for emails and fliers!

Building Update:

Summer plans are being organized. It will be busy between construction projects, cleaning, maintenance and camps!

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Bottomley, Director