



## **Director Report**

**December 2019**

***“Relate. Connect. Understand”***

### **“Micro” Moment:**

*The campaign season was followed by some unexpected news: Caitrin, the newly elected Vice President, was moving soon and would no longer be attending MACS. It was decided that the best course of action was to hold a special election in order to ensure a majority vote. When it was announced that a special election was on the horizon, Caitrin’s older brother Quinlan was more than interested. Quinlan originally lost in the presidential primary, so the special election provided Quinlan with a new opportunity to earn a position in the Micro City Government. His swift campaign was successful and Quinlan was elected as Vice President of Micro City. During the Inauguration Ceremony, New Hampshire Representative Linda Harriot-Gathright provided remarks that hit close to home for many students, especially Quinlan. Her message was simple: keep running, try again, and never give up.*

### **Enrollment Numbers (as of 12/6/19):**

K - 18	5th - 24
1st - 34	6th- 22
2nd- 44	7th- 22
3rd - 23	8th- 23
4th - 24	

Total : 234

(this is an increase of 3 students over last month)

### **Upcoming/Recent Happenings at MACS:**

Admissions Open Houses for the upcoming 2020-21 school year will be held on Tuesday, January 14th at 4:30, Thursday, January 23rd at 6pm and Wednesday, February 13th at 4:30pm in the MPR. This is for parents of any student wishing to be part of the lottery for upcoming school year, including parents of siblings/staff/ and board. The lottery is scheduled for March 6th at 10am in the MPR.

Formal yearly observations will be underway after the new year. The administrative team will be conducting formal observations and evaluations of all staff over the months of January, February and March. Staff contracts will be reissued in the spring. This year, Mrs. Williams will be chairing a committee of staff and administration to review and update the schools staff evaluation tool/reporting method.

Congratulations to Jewel Hurt for securing a Target Grant in the amount of \$700! This grant will be used to fund Micro field trips for our student agencies and ventures. MicroCity citizens will be able to visit similar businesses or government agencies in our communities.

The first field trip of this kind will be held on December 13th as our government officials venture up to Concord to attend a Fiscal Committee Hearing at the Legislative Business Office and tour the State House. Our student representatives and staff facilitator, Mrs. Taylor, along with Mrs. Bottomley and Miss Hurt will be joining the Charter School Alliance and other charter school supporters around the state for us for a day of charter school activism. The recent decision to table \$46 million in federal charter school funding for New Hampshire will be at committee for discussion and our students have an opportunity to have their voices heard!

The 2018-19 State Assessment Scores have now been released for all schools. Below is a comparison chart between MACS, Nashua, the State and a neighboring charter school. Overall, MACS again fairs very well. MACS students consistently outscored the state with the exception of one cohort in math which missed the state average by 2%. All percentage scores reported below indicate the amount of students who scored proficient or above on the state assessment.

**ELA STATE ASSESSMENT COMPARISON yellow indicates highest score**

<u>MACS</u>	<u>Nashua School District</u>	<u>Neighboring Charter</u>	<u>State</u>
<b>Grade 3</b> 70%	<b>Grade 3</b> 45%	<b>Grade 3</b> 50%	<b>Grade 3</b> 52%
<b>Grade 4</b> 70%	<b>Grade 4</b> 47%	<b>Grade 4</b> 26%	<b>Grade 4</b> 55%
<b>Grade 5</b> 65%	<b>Grade 5</b> 53%	<b>Grade 5</b> 59%	<b>Grade 5</b> 57%
<b>Grade 6</b> 80%	<b>Grade 6</b> 39%	<b>Grade 6</b> 47%	<b>Grade 6</b> 56%
<b>Grade 7</b> 90%	<b>Grade 7</b> 45%	<b>Grade 7</b> 76%	<b>Grade 7</b> 56%
<b>Grade 8</b> 79%	<b>Grade 8</b> 37%	<b>Grade 8</b> 87%	<b>Grade 8</b> 53%

**MATH STATE ASSESSMENT COMPARISON yellow indicates highest score**

<b><u>MACS</u></b>	<b><u>Nashua School District</u></b>	<b><u>Neighboring Charter</u></b>	<b><u>State</u></b>
<b>Grade 3</b> 61%	<b>Grade 3</b> 55%	<b>Grade 3</b> 22%	<b>Grade 3</b> 57%
<b>Grade 4</b> 70%	<b>Grade 4</b> 46%	<b>Grade 4</b> 26%	<b>Grade 4</b> 52%
<b>Grade 5</b> 52%	<b>Grade 5</b> 44%	<b>Grade 5</b> 12%	<b>Grade 5</b> 44%
<b>Grade 6</b> 55%	<b>Grade 6</b> 29%	<b>Grade 6</b> 41%	<b>Grade 6</b> 47%
<b>Grade 7</b> 77%	<b>Grade 7</b> 36%	<b>Grade 7</b> 53%	<b>Grade 7</b> 47%
<b>Grade 8</b> 43%	<b>Grade 8</b> 27%	<b>Grade 8</b> 67%	<b>Grade 8</b> 45%

**SCIENCE STATE ASSESSMENT COMPARISON yellow indicates highest score**

<b><u>MACS</u></b>	<b><u>Nashua School District</u></b>	<b><u>Neighboring Charter</u></b>	<b><u>State</u></b>
<b>Grade 5</b> 43%	<b>Grade 5</b> 34%	<b>Grade 5</b> 53%	<b>Grade 5</b> 38%
<b>Grade 8</b> 64%	<b>Grade 8</b> 23%	<b>Grade 8</b> 80%	<b>Grade</b> 41%

**MicroSociety Update:**

The MicroCitycitizens have all been placed in jobs and working to prepare for the opening of all businesses this month! We are excited to announce new community partnerships this year. Thank you for taking the time to work with our students so they can learn from professionals within our community!

Kris Murphy and Ashlee Norwood- Nashua Public Library  
Keith Wentworth- Break Free 603 Escape Room  
Officer Bill Adamson- Nashua PD  
Paul Paquette- TD Bank

**MACS PTO Update:**

The PTO is currently hosting a Holiday Shoppe where students can purchase gifts for loved ones for the holidays. 100% of the profits will go directly to the PTO fund. The shoppe is running the week of December 9th and all items average between \$1 and \$6.

The next PTO event is a Parents Night Out on December 13th. Students in grades 5-8 can participate in a Paint Night event with Mrs. MacMillan and the younger students will be having a dinner and movie event. Another popular event hosted by the PTO. Come drop your child for a couple hours and get some last minute holiday prep out of the way!

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Bottomley  
Director