



# North Shore Schools

*Discovering Your Dreams*

## BOE/ Town Meeting Summary

October 30, 2008

### Discussion/Presentations:

1. The meeting on October 30th, served as a Town Meeting to address the concerns of community residents. Mary and Chris Artinian discussed that they have been pleased with the North Shore District and have sent five children here. However, beginning this school year, they had a concern regarding their son with cochlear hearing needs. The Artinian's said, *"There was a lack of communication in the special education department."* It was agreed that the issues became resolved once the Artinians contacted Dr.



Dr. Melnick, who took immediate action. Dr. Melnick remarked that *"the glitches along the way have been resolved."* Chris Artinian commented in agreement, *"If everything holds to plan, we will progress flawlessly to the next direction."*



2. Discussion also focused on how the District has been taking positive measures to make certain that their money is in the right spot. Trustees invited Susan Fine from Ingerman Smith, LLP to publicly answer questions regarding an ordinance called "GASB 45" relating to the Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve. Dr. Melnick stated, *"The good news is that the North Shore School District does not pay employees for unused vacation or sick time."* The Board determined that it is in the district's best interest to wait for an answer from their

accountants to determine a new location for these finances. Additionally, the Board and administration agreed that the *Newsday* article regarding North Shore Schools was incorrect in their reporting of this issue.

3. The District continues to work diligently to solve the problematic traffic and parking situation at the high school. A chain utilized in the parking lot at the time of dismissal appears to reduce the amount of congestion.

4. Due to an influx of students at the Glen Head School, the board raised the issue of the possibility of needing an additional section to accommodate the number of students projected to matriculate in the next year. The latest update on the situation, however, predicts an anomaly and



that the school will not need any supplementary classroom space in the 2009-2010 school year.

The meeting concluded on the optimistic note that The North Shore School District has been promoting environmental awareness by seeking an alternative energy source in cooperation with LIPA and Honeywell. The District is currently inquiring about funding to furnish the high school roof with solar panels. Communication is underway with the district and two businesses to strategize so that North Shore School District may achieve the goal of going green.

**(For further information regarding this meeting, please see the North Shore Board of Education Minutes for October 30, 2008 at [www.northshoreschools.org](http://www.northshoreschools.org). Complete BOE Minutes are available in the Central Office.)**