

**Education Committee meeting**  
**January 10, 2013**

Members: S. Gellar, A. LaRosa, R. Simon, B. Burns

Also in attendance: R. Maginniss

The meeting convened at 7:15 p.m.

- I. *Changes to New York State Testing Program:* The committee was updated on the changes to the Grades 3-8 New York State Tests in English Language Arts and mathematics. All tests are now aligned to the Common Core State Standards, and will be more rigorous in their expectation for student performance.
  
- II. *MAP Testing:* The Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) Tests in Language Usage, Reading, and Mathematics are now complete. The committee reviewed a generic Student Progress Report, and Mrs. Burns spoke of other resources the program provides that will assist in student instruction.

Results will not be mailed home, but any parent that inquires may receive their child's results from the classroom teacher.

- III. *Miscellaneous:* Mrs. LaRosa inquired about the status of curriculum writing to ensure that the West Islip English Language Arts curriculum is aligned to the Common Core Learning Standards. Mrs. Burns shared that the CCLS serves as a curriculum resource to teachers, and all districts are awaiting the publication of curriculum modules that will guide instruction. We will then follow up with formal curriculum writing to ensure alignment.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.