

At its January 24th Commission meeting, the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) placed Abington High School on warning status based on budget cuts that resulted in significant reductions to programs, services and staff as reported in two substantive change reports. A warning status is not publicized and is not reported on the NEASC website as such. Abington High School will be listed as "accredited". The Commission has outlined two standards that need to be specifically addressed in a report due August 1, 2010 which will be reviewed at their meeting in September 2010. Those standards are School Resources for Learning and Community Resources for Learning. At the September 2010 meeting the Commission may vote to either:

1. Remove the warning status and continue accreditation without warning (as granted in November 2009 based on March 2009 visit prior to any reductions in services, programs and staff)
2. Continue accreditation with warning (January 2010), or
3. Place Abington High School on probation.

"Abington High School should be proud of its long tradition of providing a strong and supportive environment for its students and the many aspects of the school commended in this report that reflect current programs, practices, and services. The school and its faculty have the capacity to address many of the recommendations in this report but will require greater resources in order to meet all of them successfully. With strong leadership, community support, a shared vision, and careful planning, Abington High School should achieve its mission and ensure that it is well able to achieve the expectations for student learning." (*Report of the visiting committee, March 2009*)

Although our entire school community is undoubtedly disappointed to be placed on warning, our students and staff will continue to work hard and stay focused on student achievement and a positive school culture.

Abington Public Schools