BELMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS Belmont, Massachusetts

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Staff

FROM: George H. Entwistle 3rd

Superintendant of Schools

Robert Antonellis President, BEA

DATE: March 28, 2011

RE: Community Dialogue

Belmont Public Schools (May 4, 2011)

On Wednesday, May 4, 2011, the Belmont Public Schools will host the 2nd Community Dialogue. More than 400 stakeholders participated in the first Dialogue in October 2009 – and many of those stakeholders were you, the teachers and school professionals. Your voices played an important role in the dialogues and the subsequent development of the district's long-term goals and 18-month improvement strategy, and we hope for your continued participation in this Dialogue.

We are hopeful that at least half of the faculty and staff across all of the schools will participate in this event. To encourage participation, we plan to offer childcare for children of staff during the event (preschoolers who are toilet trained and older). Built into this year's school calendar is a compensatory half-day on Friday, April 15. It is an early release day for students. Faculty and staff who plan to attend the Dialogue can leave after dismissal. Anyone who is unable to attend the Dialogue will work a full day on April 15, and should consult with his/her principal on the work to be completed during the afternoon.

Each school will be determining how best to recruit and select volunteers to attend the Community Dialogue. Here are the details:

Community Dialogue Wednesday, May 4, 2011 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm (light meal to be served) Belmont High School Field House

We look forward to seeing you there!