

Regional Magnet Schools

Report to Board of Education

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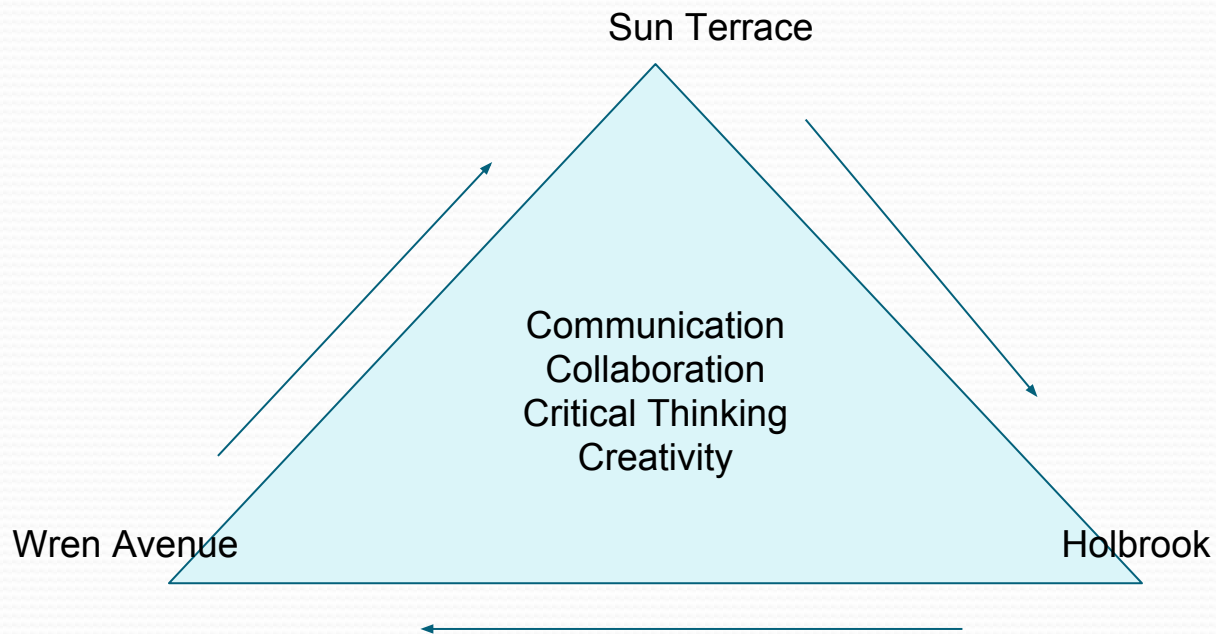
Magnet Schools

Offers unique opportunity for in-depth studies in a specific area of interest that is school-wide and integrated

- Improved academic achievement for all
- Distinctive curriculum or educational approach
- Diversity as an aspirational goals
- Attract a wide-range of students, creating richly diverse learning environments

Collaboration

Regional Magnet- North Concord



What will that look like?

- Sun Terrace STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)
- Wren Avenue Arts
- Holbrook Language and Culture Academy

How we got here

- Surveyed the community
- 3 themes
- Focused on progressive and enriched environment

Why Regional Magnet Schools?

- Increases student and parent choices
- Supports neighborhood schools
- Builds on career pathways and academies at the secondary level and feeder schools
- Focuses on 21st century skills
- Shared resources
- Supports the entire North Concord community

Sun Terrace STEM

- Principal's perspective
- Excited about.....
- Looking to do:
 - Embed STEM in curriculum
 - Visit experts; scientist, technology experts, engineers
 - Increase STEM exposure on and off campus

Wren Avenue Arts

- Principal's perspective
- Excited about.....
- Looking to do:
 - Embed Art in curriculum
 - Guest artists
 - Increase Art exposure on and off campus

Holbrook Language & Culture Academy

- Principal's perspective
- Excited about.....
- Looking to do:
 - Embed Language and Culture in curriculum
 - Connect to other cultures; sister school, exchange programs, partner with university and cultural programs, learn another language
 - Increase Language and Culture exposure on and off campus

Registration & Enrollment Process

- Holbrook will re-open as a K-5 Language and Culture Academy
- Use existing boundaries prior to Holbrook closing
- Students living within Holbrook boundaries will be *guaranteed* a space at Holbrook
- Incoming Kindergarten students will register at Holbrook Elementary on February 7th. Upon registration they will be given the option to attend one of the Regional Magnet Schools through the “choice” process

Registration & Enrollment Process

- Incoming 1st-5th grade students will be given the option to:
 - Stay at the school they attended in 2016-17 through the elementary level only or
 - Attend one of the Regional Magnet Schools through the “choice” process
- Students who live outside of the Holbrook boundaries can choose to attend any of the Regional Magnet schools through the normal district transfer process.

Timeline

- Hire Principal, school and teaching staff
- Continue with facility improvements and upgrades
- Outreach and planning with stakeholders
- Visit model magnet programs
- Order technology, curriculum and furniture

Next Steps

- Hire Principal and school staff (January)
- Holbrook website goes ‘live’ & Monthly newsletter (1/10)
- Letter sent to ALL students in Holbrook school boundaries to “select 2017-18” school (1/18)
- Host information and input meetings at Sun Terrace/Wren
- TK/Kindergarten registration February 7th at Holbrook
- Regional Magnet Open House Event in February