

Wakefield Regional Schools Proposed Plan

After holding our regional community summit on September 24, 2009 and analyzing the feedback gathered from the parents and community members, it seems apparent that that the most appropriate next step was to begin to develop a community tutoring program.

Our vision is to have a comprehensive community program that will offer free tutoring and mentoring services to children in grades K-12. We also envision that the program will eventually offer enrichment services to challenge and stretch our students who are already performing at or above grade level.

We have developed a proposed implementation plan that will outline where we would like to begin.

Name: Saturday Academy

Dates: The second Saturday each month beginning in March 2010 through May 2010. This would be March 13, April 10 and May 8. It would then break for the months of June – August and resume in September 2010.

Time: 9:00 AM – 12:00 noon

Location: Wakefield High School 9th grade Center

Grades served: 3rd-9th

Areas Served: 3rd-8th graders would receive tutoring in reading and math. 9th graders would receive assistance completing work and preparing for classes.

Number of Kids Served: 12 kids per grade level in grades 3rd-5th (4 at each grade from each of the 3 elementary schools); 8 kids per grade level in grades 6th-8th; 10 kids in 9th grade.

Snacks: Provided for each student free of charge

Staffing: Co-directors would be hired with funding from the schools. They would both be certified teachers. An additional 7 certified teachers would be needed to tutor the respective groups (1 per grade level). Additional community volunteers would be needed to assist the teachers working with the children, to assist the co-directors with administrative tasks and to assist with the overall program planning and operation. All community volunteers would need to be approved at either level 3 or 4 through the on-line WCPSS volunteer clearance process prior to working.

Transportation: Provided at no cost for students who may need it.

Student/Family Contract: A contract that outlines attendance and behavioral expectations would be developed and signed by all students and their parent/guardian. Potentially include a parent involvement pieces as well.

Growth/Expansion: Once we get this up and running smoothly, we envision the Saturday Academy expanding to include more formal mentoring and enrichment opportunities as well as serving more students.