

NEASC Substantive Change Report

**Tolland High School
Tolland, CT**

March 2006

There are two substantive changes that will affect Tolland High School in the 2006-2007 school year. The first change is a positive report concerning the construction of the new Tolland High School. The new school is on schedule and on budget and will be completed for the beginning of the school year in September of 2006. The new facility will enable us to provide an appropriate, safe educational setting for all of our students and correct virtually all of the facility-related concerns that were highlighted recommendations in our NEASC accreditation report of 2004. The new school will provide us with a modern library media center that will accommodate our student body. It will provide us adequate space in all of our curricular areas. It will be a facility our students and staff will be proud of and will be utilized to the fullest extent possible by both the school and community.

The second substantive change is a negative report concerning the budget allocated to operate the curricular and co-curricular programs of Tolland High School. As is detailed in the chart below, the budget for the curricular programs and the maintenance of the building has decreased for each of the last four years. As a result of these decreases we have not been able to purchase books, supplies and materials to adequately maintain our programs. We have also lost faculty members, even though our student enrollment has increased. While our current budget for the 2005-2006 school year is listed at \$478,988, in actuality we will have an operating budget of approximately \$407,140 this year, due to a 15% cut and a spending freeze that was instituted in October to cover unexpected expenses in heating and maintenance costs. The program budgets for the last four years also were frozen and as a result, we have not had the ability to fully utilize our allocated budget. The proposed budget for the 2006-2007 school year was recently passed by the Tolland Board of Education and may still be further reduced by the Town Council and the town referendum process. As a result of the proposed budget for 2006-2007, we may be losing one and one-half staff members, which will increase our average class sizes. Our accreditation report had a highlighted recommendation to add social work services. This position has been requested and cut from every budget for the last four years, and is not budgeted for 2006-2007. Although our original request for the new school was for eleven custodians, we will only have a staff of nine and one-half positions. This raises concerns regarding maintenance and daily cleanliness in the new building. Additionally, we may be eliminating the following co-curricular clubs and activities: Jazz Band, Audio Tech Club, Sidetracks Literary Magazine, Mock Trial, JETS Team, Gay Straight Alliance, Allied Health Club, Diversity Club, SADD Club, Tech Ed. Club, Anime Club, Strength & Conditioning Club, Envirothon Club, and our Renaissance Student Recognition Program. Finally, we may also be eliminating the following interscholastic athletic programs: Junior Varsity Boys Soccer, Junior Varsity Girls Volleyball, Fall Girls Color Guard, Freshman Boys Basketball, Junior Varsity Boys Golf, Junior Varsity Girls Tennis, Junior Varsity Boys Volleyball, and Junior Varsity Boys Lacrosse. The possible loss of both staff positions and these clubs, activities, and teams will have a severe and negative impact on our school.

**Recent Demographic &
Budget Information for Tolland
High School**

YEAR	# of STUDENTS	# CERTIFIED STAFF	AMOUNT EXPENDED	AMOUNT BUDGETED	AMOUNT PROPOSED
2001 - 2002	798	68.9	\$928,625		
2002 - 2003	820	69.2	\$569,309	\$689,679	
2003 - 2004	879	73.58	\$502,701	\$565,832	\$723,098
2004 - 2005	869	71.7	\$450,489	\$490,178	\$562,007
2005 - 2006	860	70.2		\$478,988	\$543,479
2006 - 2007	880	68.7			\$483,474

Monetary figures based on Program and Maintenance Budget Requests and Expenditures.

Source of Information: Tolland Public Schools, Board of Education Budget Request Books, 2002 through 2006.

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Commission on Public Secondary Schools
2004-2005 Annual Information Report
& Substantive Change Update Form

Tolland High School -- CT

Submitted: March 27, 2006

School's Chief Administrative Officer

Addressed as: **Mr.**

Full name: **Joseph Bacewicz, Jr.**

Nickname: **Joe**

Title: **Principal**

School's Contact Information

Full school name: **Tolland High School**

Street address (line 1): **1 Eagle Hill**

Street address (line 2):

City: **Tolland**

State: **CT**

Zip code: **06084**

Phone: **860-870-6860** Ext:

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School's contact e-mail: **jobacewicz@tolland.k12.ct.us**

School's website: **www.tolland.k12.ct.us**

Enrollment/Staffing

Grades: **9-12**

Total certified professional staff: **70.2**

Enrollment (as of October 1): **861**

School Superintendent

Addressed as: **Mr.**

First name: **William**

Middle initial: **D.**

Last name: **Guzman**

Suffix:

Title: **Superintendent**

E-mail address: **wguzman@tolland.k12.ct.us**

School District Information

District name: **Tolland Public Schools**

District street address: **51 Tolland Green**

City: **Tolland**

State: **CT**

Zip code: **06084**

Phone: **860-870-6850**

Fax: **860-870-7737**

List all secondary schools in District: **Tolland High School**

Total District enrollment: **3158**

District's website: **www.tolland.k12.ct.us**

Chair of School Committee/Board: **Daniel Carmody**

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Is there a vocational director responsible for the center who reports directly to the superintendent of schools?

Substantive Change Update Form

Please check either A, B, or C and complete appropriately:

(B) All substantive changes with a negative impact have been reported since the last Substantive Change Update Form was submitted through: **Letter of Substantive Change**, dated: **June 10, 2005**