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Press Release

Superintendent of Milford Schools, Dr. Elizabeth Feser, Addresses the Economic Development Commission on the State of the School System

Milford, CT, September 26, 2013: Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Elizabeth Feser was invited to address the Economic Development Commission yesterday at its monthly meeting.

Dr. Feser presented a bright future for the public school system in Milford. She reported that the district and the State were shifting the curricular and instructional focus to reflect the new state standards and a new state test, which will be field tested this year. The state is phasing out the current CMT/CAPT testing program and will be replacing it with one that will incorporate the Common Core State Standards. "Work to align our curriculum to these new standards is underway. When fully implemented, the revised curriculum will demand of students much more critical thinking and problem solving, and the state test will be far more rigorous than the current CMT and CAPT", said Dr. Feser.

The success of the Advanced Placement (AP) results more than exceeded expectations and shows a real trend towards better college preparedness. There has been a 77% increase in AP course enrollment and the number of AP exams taken has tripled from 2007-2013. "Even taking one AP exam makes a difference in college applications", said Dr. Feser. AP exams are scored on a scale of 1-5, with '5' being the best. The number of AP exams scoring at '3 or better' in the Milford public high schools increased by 71% over 2011.

"I was delighted to speak with the Economic Development Commission and present these results. I find the Commission's commitment to education commendable and look forward to a continued collaboration", said Dr. Feser.

Chairman of the Commission, Robert Kapusta clearly impressed with the report and Dr. Feser said, "When the Milford Board of Education hired Dr. Feser, they struck gold."