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Our community is proud of numerous student achievements in the area of academics, clubs, national competitions and athletics. In 2012 Barrington has been recognized for two achievements:

- U.S. World News report ranked Barrington High school in the top 2% in the Nation.
- Barrington Public Schools is one of 539 school districts across the U.S. and Canada to be honored by the College Board with placement on the Annual Advanced Placement Honor Roll for increasing student access to AP exams and increasing the percentage of students earning a 3 out of a possible 5 on AP exams.

## **New Strategic Plan approved by the School Committee that focuses on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning**

Barrington Public Schools understands that today's students are graduating into a global economy. A newly adopted strategic plan will guide the district in educating and preparing our students for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The plan will guide us in providing our students with a world class education.

Two important initiatives imbedded in the plan are the alignment of K-12 Language Arts and Mathematics curricula to the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). CCSS are nationwide standards that will provide a consistent, clear understanding of what students are expected to learn.

## **Parallel to the Strategic Plan – 2012 Technology Long Range Plan was presented to the School Committee and Community**

Barrington's commitment to educational technology has a long history, and readiness to move forward is at an all-time high. The 2010 National Education Technology Plan (NETP 2010) frames a path around this critical work. Implementation of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Career (PARCC) creates urgency for dramatic reassessment of present resources and commitment to expand. Our district will broaden the integration of technology into the curriculum to support teaching and learning through researched based best practices.

## **Safe Routes to School completed and new one to begin soon**

Through the RI Department of Transportation and assistance by Town Planner, Hampden Meadows School's Safe Routes to School project was completed in August 2012. The project included updates to sidewalks, crosswalks and bike racks. This project offers student a safe route to walk or bike to school. The town was awarded two additional grants under the same program for Primrose Hill and the Middle School totaling \$268,000. The projects will include similar infrastructure upgrades with school zone lights. We anticipate the project will begin in the summer of 2013.

## **Nature Trail at Hampden Meadows updated with a grant from the Barrington Education Foundation (BEF)**



*Teachers have linked classroom instruction to the trail allowing students to connect learning to the environment.*