



# **North Adams Community Schools**

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## **North Adams Community Meeting Reviews Critical Issues**

Thursday evening, September 10, 2009 the North Adams Community Schools hosted a community meeting to examine the critical issues facing the district. Approximately 75 people attended the informational meeting in the Belmont Middle School cafetorium. The evening was facilitated by Dr. Terri Jump, a consultant who works with the North Adams Community Schools on various projects including the Safe School Healthy Students and Even Start grants.

During the evening the participants were divided into six action groups. In fifteen minute rotations, each group presented a general overview, a data review, accomplishments, and issues requiring support and/or resolution for the five critical issue areas: Fiscal Condition, Equity in Resources, Primary Student Achievement ( PreK – 3), Intermediate Student Achievement (3-8), Secondary Student Achievement ( 8-12), plus an additional open forum group.

Parents, teachers, staff, and community members in attendance favored the positive focus offered during the evening. “We had an opportunity to gather data and examine places where we can make positive changes for all NACS students,” Superintendent Mr. Wylie Sirk stated. Following the meeting numerous positive comments and messages were received from participants.

Major direction is being sought for fiscal stability and continued rising of student achievement. As the district continues to examine these issues, two additional meetings are scheduled. On September 30 two critical issues, Fiscal Condition and Equity in Resources, will be examined more in depth. In addition, on October 19, 2009 the community will have an opportunity to closely examine student achievement at all levels. Community members are encouraged to attend both upcoming meetings, both scheduled for 6:30 PM at the BMS cafetorium.