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## **Strategic Planning Committee**

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### About the Steering Committee

The Orange and Petersham Elementary School Strategic Plan provides a blueprint for our achievements and defines our course of action for the next five years. This plan articulates our vision, mission, and core values. The Strategic Plan was created by a robust committee of stakeholders from both the Orange and Petersham communities. Committee members represented parents, teachers, administrators, community members, and community leaders.

### Orange and Petersham School Committees

<u>Orange</u>	<u>Petersham</u>
Joanie Cohen-Mitchell, Chair	Laura Webber, Chair
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# Orange and Petersham Elementary Schools

## 2011-2016 Consolidated Strategic Plan

## **ABOUT THE STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS**

On July 1, 2010 the Ralph C. Mahar Regional, Petersham Elementary, and Orange Elementary School Districts took the first step toward increasing district capacity in the consolidation of special education administration. The second step in the process of increasing the districts' ability to achieve the primary goal of providing high quality educational opportunities for students took place on July 1, 2011 in the consolidation of the aforementioned districts' central offices. It is anticipated that the mergers of organizational structure and management systems will be conducive to a more effective and efficient administration for all three school districts.

## **ABOUT OUR COMMUNITIES**

Petersham is a small, rural, residential community located northeast of the Quabbin Reservoir. Incorporated in 1754, the Town is large in geography but small in population (1,333). Petersham maintains a local elementary school for grades K-6 and belongs to a regional school district for its grade 7-12 students. Petersham Center School enrolls approximately 115 students. In 2004, the Town completed expansion and renovation of its elementary school building adding approximately 25,500 square feet which currently houses classrooms, cafeteria and kitchen facilities, and a gymnasium.

The town of Orange, which was incorporated in 1810, is the most eastern town of Franklin County, MA and has a population of 7839. The Orange Elementary School system is comprised of three schools: Dexter Park, Fisher Hill, and the Butterfield School. Dexter Park houses the "Discovery Depot" preschool program as well as grades 3 and 4. Fisher Hill houses the Kindergarten through Second Grade, and the Butterfield School houses the Fifth and Sixth grades. Combined, the system serves approximately 780 students each year.

# **CORE VALUES**

## **STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**

We believe all students will have a more meaningful and successful learning experience when given flexible opportunities to actively engage in the learning process.

## **PERSONAL GROWTH**

We believe education is about growth that exceeds core academics to include the arts, cultural awareness, and physical and emotional well being.

## **SCHOOL CLIMATE**

We believe all decisions should be made in the best interest of students, recognizing commonalities and welcoming individual differences.

## **COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS**

We believe a strong commitment and shared responsibility between family, community, and school is essential to student learning.

## **RESOURCES**

We believe in responsible funding that supports academic excellence, appropriate facilities, and quality materials and instruction.

# **VISION AND MISSION STATEMENTS**

## **VISION**

The Orange and Petersham Elementary Schools, in collaboration with their communities, envision a quality learning environment that fosters personal growth, helps students achieve their fullest potential, and values academics, the arts, athletics, and the development of responsible global citizens.

## **MISSION**

The mission of the Orange and Petersham Elementary Schools is to inspire and challenge students to think, learn, achieve, and care. We commit to working with families and the communities to provide a safe and supportive environment that actively welcomes all learners.

