port staff, we, the Burlington School Committee, are confident that the challenges that lie ahead will be met and our goals will be achieved to the benefit of all of our students.

Respectfully submitted,

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SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The Burlington Public Schools continues to experience incremental growth. We now have more than 3550 students in attendance, and we anticipate even more in the future. In response to this, the Facilities Study Committee has made recommendations for the community to examine potential changes to existing buildings and/or new construction. As these discussions move forward, the best option will emerge to meet future growth needs.

Our professional development program has been significantly strengthened as we have moved to the full implementation of the curriculum frameworks. We were gratified to see this reflected in some incremental increase in the scores our students attained on the MCAS (Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System) testing program. Some examples of our professional development include participation in the Teachers as Scholars program and the Mentor program that we developed locally.

Technology as a vehicle for instruction continues to be improved. Some examples of this include our new Youth Tech Entrepreneurs program that was initiated at Burlington High School as well as the new World Language Lab, which was installed at Burlington High School. Many of our staff took part in the Superintendents' Technology Leadership Conference that I chaired this past fall in Sturbridge.

This past year there were so many other significant events that involved our work with the community. On Saturday, November 11, through Operation Recognition, diplomas were awarded to eleven veterans of World War II or

posthumously to their families to recognize the sacrifice they made in leaving Burlington High School prior to graduation in order to serve in the armed forces. The school community enthusiastically participated in this program. Another community event that brought great excitement was the first BHS Athletic Hall of Fame banquet. On October 12, 2000, nine former athletes, coaches, and supporters of our athletic program were recognized for their contributions to BHS and the community. We look forward to this as an annual event so that we can recognize many of those who brought excitement to our athletic program over the years.

The Burlington Public Schools continues its international outreach. This fall the second visit by students from Thailand took place as part of our cultural exchange program. We also welcomed distinguished visitor Dr. Ross Todd from Australia who spent several days with us consulting on our technology program. Additionally, Professor Shigemitsu from Japan was able to spend a day visiting our programs and speaking to our students in the multicultural group. This past year saw the consolidation of the Burlington Community Scholarship Foundation and the Burlington High School Scholarship Program. We were all energized when Mr. and Mrs. John Blais, who have been contributors in the past, presented a $200,000 grant to the BCSF. They further laid a challenge at the feet of the community by offering to match the monies raised at the sixth annual telethon, contributing a further $58,000. Other significant grants including $5,000 from RCN have boosted the Foundation to over $500,000.

We have received other donations as well, such as, the Rotary Club's contribution for materials for the kindergarten classes and the Burlington Disabilities Access Commission gift of scanners to each school for communicating with sight-impaired parents. All of these contributions are gratefully received for the good that they will do for our students, and they further serve to encourage us knowing the high esteem the community has for our programs.

On a related note, Sun Microsystems, Inc. awarded us a grant of $41,000 to install a Sun Ray Lab at BHS that will be used to enhance the math skills of our students. C.A.S.IT, Inc. (Centro Attività Scolastiche Italiane) once again renewed its $50,000 grant to support our elementary Italian program. Our students continue to receive state and national awards for their performance. This year's areas include: awards to our marching band, cheerleaders, art students, music composition students, and the invitational math meet held at WPI in Worcester. After three years of participation in the School-to-Career program, funded through federal grants, this year we joined the regional School-to-Career Consortium in order to continue to provide opportunities for our secondary students to explore career opportunities. The Massachusetts Department of Education completed our Special Education Program Coordinated Review that confirms our compliance with all regulations.

Our physical plants continue to be enhanced. We have completed all of the window projects at the Middle School and High School and have followed up with replacement doors at BHS. A new studio was constructed at BHS for BCAT, providing opportunities for our students in their Video Production classes as well as serving as a resource for the entire community. We have completed the renovation of a former locker room at the Francis Wyman School to establish a Child Care program serving over 80 children in that facility.

While there were many successes this year and much to be proud of, we also suffered the sudden loss of an esteemed second grade Fox Hill teacher Marie Yassemedis in the fall. In all of the eulogies offered, all who knew and worked with her presented the image of a caring and dedicated teacher. Her love for children epitomized all that is best about our school district. With examples like this we continue to persevere to provide the best possible education to the children entrusted to our care.

Through the continued support and commitment of the School Committee and Town Meeting, Burlington residents have demonstrated the great importance they place on the education of their youth and its future. I am proud to be serving as the educational leader of the Burlington Public Schools and look forward to the many challenges that lie ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

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