

# Schools



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The RSEC Academy Graduating Class of 2009 pose after ceremonies at Souhegan High School. Front row (left to right) Dianne Hunter, Senior Teacher; Julia Daniel, New Boston; Melanie DePaolo, Merrimack; Andrew Jones, Amherst; Stan Shupe, RSEC Academy Assistant Director; Santana Wells, Wilton; Amy Taylor, Hollis; Janet Reed, RSEC Academy Director and Laura Betts, Senior Teacher. Back row: Isaac Helfrich, Henniker; Timothy Hatchett, Henniker; Geoffrey Hatchett, Henniker; Luke DeBruyckere, Raymond; Eric Huntington, Loudon; Matthew DuVerger, Loudon; Michael Scott, Chester; and Mitchel Powers, Manchester.

## RSEC Academy Announces Class of 2009 Program Graduates

AMHERST - Regional Services and Education Center, Inc. (RSEC) today announced members of the Class of 2009 graduating from The RSEC Academy. Students at The RSEC Academy come from all regions of Southern New Hampshire and attend full or part-day programming the school.

RSEC is a non-profit educational collaborative that provides comprehensive educational programs and services to Southern New Hampshire, specializing in special education for both behavioral and educationally challenged youth.

In a ceremony on June 11, 2009 at Souhegan High School the graduates were treated to two guest speakers, Andy Carlson, a program graduate who is now attending Northeastern University to study criminal justice, and RSEC Academy teacher, Paul Curtis. RSEC Academy Class of 2010 Student of the Year was awarded to Lorin Field of Hollis, NH.

The RSEC Academy graduating class of 2009 (including future plans):

Julia Daniel, New Boston – Full Time Employment  
Luke DeBruyckere, Raymond – Full Time Employment  
Melanie DePaolo, Merrimack, The RSEC Academy Valedictorian, Attending Nashua Community College  
Matthew DuVerger, Loudon – Attending Hesser College, Manchester, NH  
Timothy Hatchett, Henniker, The RSEC Academy Citizenship Award Recipient – Full Time Employment  
Geoffrey Hatchett, Henniker – Attending Landmark College, Putney, VT  
Isaac Helfrich, Henniker – Attending New England College, Henniker, NH  
Eric Huntington, Loudon – Attending Landmark College, Putney, VT  
Andrew Jones, Amherst – Attending Nashua Community College, Nashua, NH  
Mitchel Powers, Manchester – Attending Lakes Region Community College, Laconia, NH  
Michael Scott, Chester, The RSEC Academy Salutatorian – Attending Brigham Young University, Provo, UT  
Amy Taylor, Hollis – Attending Dean College, Franklin, MA  
Santana Wells, Wilton – Attending Newbury College, Brookline, MA

### From the Amherst School Board

## Amherst School Renovations

The children at the Clark, Wilkins, and Amherst Middle Schools will be enjoying more comfortable, safer, and healthier schools this year thanks to the renovations that are being completed this summer. Jim Miner, Director of Building and Grounds, reports that the work is on schedule and within budget.

At the Wilkins School, it was found that completely replacing the heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems was as inexpensive as attempting to “fix up” the existing mechanical system. At the present time, all the plumbing and primary ductwork has been completed at both the Clark and Wilkins Schools and the actual heating units are in the process of being installed. The new boiler is in at Wilkins School and at the Clark School everything is in place ready for the new boiler that is to go there. At Amherst Middle School, the district has moved to convert the heating system to natural gas and replace the boilers, saving 30,000 gallons of oil a year. It is expected that there will be a 10% increase in efficiency and a significant reduction in maintenance. In addition, the National Grid is giving the district a rebate for installing the new high efficiency boilers.

At the Wilkins School there is a totally new sensor and up-to-code fire alarm system. Asbestos backed chalkboards at both Clark and Wilkins have been removed and will be replaced with whiteboards. Because some of the blackboards had to be removed in the renovating process and others needed replacement due to deterioration, it was decided to replace all of them and be rid of the asbestos threat for the safety of the children.

Also needing repair, and in need of fire code updating, were the folding “walls” at the Wilkins and Clark Schools which have been replaced with permanent walls. There remain two classrooms that are still connected by a folding wall that can be opened to make a double classroom. The permanent walls result in more convenient, numerous, and safer electrical outlets.

The work at all three schools is on schedule with the exception of the lift at Clark School.

Because of construction irregularities in the original building, it was necessary to replan the lift, causing a week’s delay. The construction manager, Conneston Construction, is expecting to make up the time missed. There will be no impact on the start of school. There may also be a slight delay in getting the Amherst Middle School boilers running efficiently but any work needing to be done after the start of school will be confined to a limited area that will not interfere with the operation of the school.

Office and nurse areas in the Clark and Wilkins Schools have been redesigned to be more efficient and safer. At the Wilkins School the receptionist will have direct visual contact with the front door for the first time. The Clark School office is located as to be able to screen anyone using the front door.

In spite of the unexpected expenses involved with taking care of the asbestos issues, the work is coming in within the given budget. The Director of Buildings and Grounds, the construction manager, and the architect have monitored each step to make sure that the district is getting quality at the best price. In addition, the district has qualified for rebates based on a PSNH review of the equipment being installed including the lights, heat, and control systems.

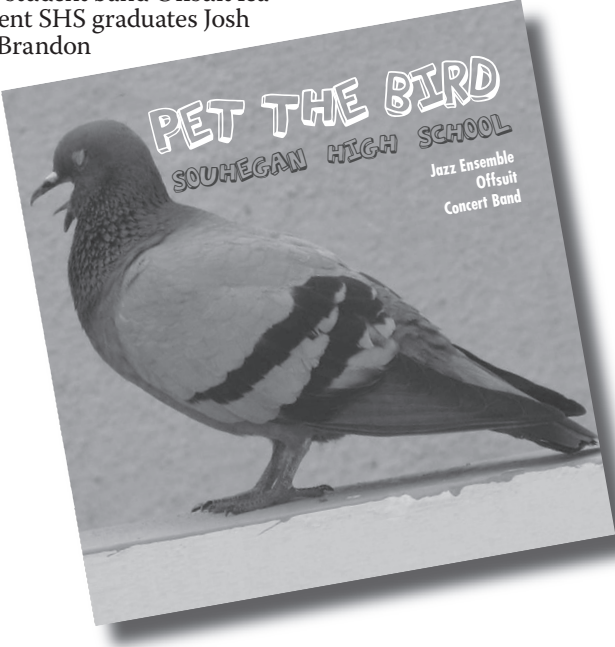
Most of the work being done will not show once the schools are in session but townspeople can be confident that their children are in schools that are healthy, safe, and efficient.

## Souhegan High School Bands Release New CD!

AMHERST – The Souhegan HS Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble and student band Offsuit have release their new cd “Pet the Bird”. The cd features a total of 16 tracks played by all 3 bands. The Concert Band recordings feature some classic and contemporary concert music and some traditional marches. The Jazz Ensemble tracks feature some classic big band swing, latin music, funk and rock with some guest soloists. The student band Offsuit featuring recent SHS graduates Josh Simpson, Brandon Lee,

Matt Caputo and Adam Hansen recorded a couple of great original rock tunes sure to please.

To purchase a copy of the SHS Bands cd “Pet the Bird”, please send a check for \$10.00 payable to SHS Activities to: Souhegan High School, attn: Carl Benevides, PO Box 1152, 412 Boston Post Road, Amherst, NH 03031. Please include your address so the cd can be mailed to you.



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