



# NASHOBA

Regional School District

\*\*\*\*\*Press Release\*\*\*\*\*

## District Seeks Director of Special Education

Lois Ducharme, Director of Special Education, will be leaving Nashoba Regional School District on June 3, 2005. Lois came to the District in 2000 and has been instrumental in developing a continuum of services for students at a time when the law in Massachusetts was changing dramatically. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 1997 made significant changes to how students with disabilities are included in public schools and classrooms. Lois was given the charge to introduce these changes, along with organizational changes that were put into place simultaneously by the Superintendent of Schools. It has been during Lois's tenure that the District has made measurable progress toward a seamless system. As evidenced by the recent three year mid cycle review, the District has been very successful in designing effective programs for students with disabilities and we have attracted students and families back to our schools. This is all due to the excellent work that administrators, teachers and support staff have done in conjunction with our team chairs and program coordinators.

We wish Lois well in her pursuits.

The Superintendent of Schools will be coordinating meetings with special education staff to discuss attributes and characteristics of a new Director, and will be holding interviews for candidates during the third and fourth week in May.

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