



**NORRISTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
2014-15 GENERAL FUND BUDGET DISCUSSIONS**

**Responses to Questions Raised At Our Budget Committee Meeting –
February 10, 2014**

- 1. What steps are being taken to encourage families/students from charter schools to return to our programs and buildings?**

Answer / Response: As we shared last month, we are reaching out to these families directly. In addition to providing written materials about our District, we are scheduling exclusive open-houses, and are organizing specialized tours; all designed to share more information about our programs and, hopefully, attract these families and students back to our buildings.

- 2. As a follow-up to a question raised at our January Budget Committee meeting; with the implementation of the Affordable Care Act, will NASD still need to utilize and pay for specialized nursing services? For example, some students require one-on-one nursing services; will the new federal law change the way these specialized services are paid for?**

Answer / Response: The Affordable Care Act does not lessen the requirements for NASD related to nursing services. NASD is still mandated to provide nursing services to our students, and we will continue to do so. We do want to clarify that NASD is not always responsible for the cost associated with some of the specialized nursing services; there are instances in which a students' private insurance is assuming the responsibility for such services/costs.

- 3. How many Security Monitors and/or Student Supervisors does NASD currently employ?**

Answer / Response: Providing a safe environment for our students, staff, and families is paramount in our daily activities and strategic planning. The Security Monitors and Student Supervisors are a vital part of our safety/security team, which currently also includes our School Resources Officers (SROS's). We currently employ 8 Security Monitors and 2 Student Supervisors.

- 4. What are the primary duties of the Security Monitors?**

Answer / Response: These staff members are primarily responsible for helping to maintain building security and safety in order to provide a safe and positive learning environment. They perform tasks involving monitoring video equipment, monitoring computer equipment, and patrolling facilities to prevent fire, theft, vandalism, and personal injury in our buildings.

- 5. What are the qualifications of our Security Monitors?**

Answer / Response: The primary qualifications for our Security Monitors include the following:

- High School diploma or GED
- Security, law enforcement, criminal justice, or public contract work experience
- Working knowledge of security procedures and responsibilities

- 6. Would the District consider outsourcing the Security Monitors, as a method to reduce costs?**

Answer / Response: NASD is not looking at outsourcing this area right now, but, is always looking at ways to provide services in a cost-effective manner.

- 7. As a follow-up to a question from last year, are there any updates regarding the Roosevelt property – its' condition, its' future, and/or the costs associated with operating it on an annual basis?**

Answer / Response: The Roosevelt Campus of NAHS is currently used to house a variety of programs to support our students, including a credit recovery program and alternative education program. The Facilities Committee has discussed this property several times over the past year or so, however, the Musselman property has been the focus of the activities of this Committee recently. Please be advised that the Roosevelt property will be discussed by the full School Board at its February 2014 meetings.