

# Watershed High School

Community · Creativity · Service

## **Currents: From the Corner Office**

By Paul M. Kinsley, Executive Director

November has been an exciting and somewhat challenging month for Watershed. On the bright side, we have finally settled our lawsuit against Charter school Capital (CSC), and \$99,565.20 which had been taken by CSC in July due to a contract dispute was returned to our operating account. This helped tremendously in moving forward financially this fiscal year. On the flip side, we lost roughly \$160,000 from MDE for overstating our student count from fiscal year 2011. To the best of our knowledge, we should no longer be debited due to these miscalculations.

### **Authorizer Search**

Watershed is in negotiations with Education Evolving (IQS) to act as our authorizer for the upcoming year. We have had numerous discussions and recently held a meeting with both Adler, our current sponsor, and IQS to discuss a transfer of authority. We are hopeful this will come to a positive conclusion in the very near future.

### **School Calendar changes**

Please take a look at the revised school calendar as vacation dates have been changed in order to assure us the proper

seat hours. If you have already planned a vacation using the previously stated vacation dates, please notify the school, and your student will be marked as excused.

### **Academic update**

We hope all had a joyous holiday season and were able to spend quality time with family and friends. Even though it was a holiday break, the staff at Watershed continued working on improvement plans for the future. J-term is being finalized, and the Medieval Feast is scheduled for the beginning of February.

Negotiations are in place to secure a hip-hop instructor to teach six 2-week sessions during the summer months. If successful, this program will continue through the next school year. In addition, each grade level will be developing service learning opportunities in recognition of Martin Luther King Day.

Anytime you have questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at 612.871.4363 or send an email to [pkinsley@watershedhs.org](mailto:pkinsley@watershedhs.org).

## *Upcoming Events*



### **Wednesday, December 14**

Early Release for WHS  
Staff Development

### **December 22-January 2**

No School – Winter Break

### **Tuesday, January 3**

School resumes

### **Monday, January 16**

Service learning in honor of  
Martin Luther King, Jr.

### **January 19-31**

J-Term

### **Calendar changes for 2012:**

### **Friday, March 16**

School will be in session this day

### **Friday, April 6**

School will be in session this day

Check the WHS website for  
more news and events:

[www.watershedhs.org](http://www.watershedhs.org)

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Reports

We apologize for the delay in sending out first quarter reports. We are having difficulty with our program and are working to resolve those issues.

We will keep you updated on our efforts. If you need immediate information, please contact Destiny Sparks at 612.871.4363 or send an email to [dsparks@watershedhs.org](mailto:dsparks@watershedhs.org).

## Volunteers Needed!

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With the cold and flu season quickly approaching, we could use donations of Lysol wipes and tissues for use in the building. In addition, we are seeking volunteering services for a variety of opportunities in the building.

For a complete list of volunteer services needed, check the Parents and Community page

on the WHS website at [www.watershedhs.org](http://www.watershedhs.org).

If you are interested in donating items or volunteering, please contact Sandra Smith at 612.871.4363 or send an email to [ssmith@watershedhs.org](mailto:ssmith@watershedhs.org).

We appreciate all your efforts on behalf of our school!

### Mission:

*Watershed High School, a public charter school since 2002, seeks to nurture the intellect, stimulate the will, and embrace the creative potential of youth in a balanced environment that engenders reverence, respect, and responsibility for nature and the needs of other human beings.*

Students at Watershed High School are supportive of one another creating an atmosphere in which the gifts of each individual can emerge and be valued.

***In our community, every student is an honored student.***



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