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Family Service's Stand & Deliver Program Achieve Great Results for Lawrence Students

Lawrence, MA – The Lawrence Public School system is often known for its poor academic performance. But a program run by Family Service, Inc. is turning things around for one group of students. Stand & Deliver is Family Service's academic mentoring program for Lawrence Public School students in the Middle and High schools. During this past academic year, 150 students were matched with adult mentors from four corporate sites: Raytheon, Philips Health Care, Pfizer and New Balance. Students are brought to their mentor's corporate campus one day each week during after school hours. Mentors work with students on homework, MCAS preparation, SAT preparation, Advanced Placement courses, and college preparedness.

"I think the Stand & Deliver program is a great program because it enables people to befriend one another and to improve their grades with mentors that truly care" says Alex Perez, an 8th grade student from the Guilmette Middle School. "The Stand & Deliver program has been my guide to succeed in life and I was very thankful for the opportunities given to me because of the Stand & Deliver program" says Pamela Henriquez, a Senior at Lawrence High School who will be attending Wheaton College in the fall.

The impact of the program is evident not just in the feedback from students who participated, but also in the data collected that show improvements in grades and attitudes toward school.

Overall Results:

85% of students reported that their **grades improved**.

55% of students reported that their **grades significantly improved**.

67% of students reported that their **interest in school improved**.

44% of students reported that their **interest in school significantly improved**.

83% of students reported that their **desire to learn new things improved**.

63% of students reported that their **desire to learn new things significantly improved**.

Most impressive are the MCAS results for students in the program. On the Math portion, 50% of the cohort at *Lawrence High* scored in the **Advanced** category. This compares favorably to the highest performing school districts in the state. On the ELA portion, 81% of the *same* cohort scored in the **Advanced** or **Proficient** category. The science test, administered for the first time, had an 84% pass rate.

Math

Advanced	50%
Proficient	19%
Need Improvement	28%
Fail	3%

English Language Arts

Advanced	26%
Proficient	55
Need Improvement	18%
Fail	1%

Science

Pass	84%
Fail	16%



Stand & Deliver Students with their mentors from Raytheon.

Family Service will run the program again next academic year, supporting another 150 students. For more information, contact Lori Howe, Family Service Development Director at 978-327-6639.

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