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TRI-COUNTY RVTHS HONORED AS A 2007 COMPASS SCHOOL AT BOSTON STATE HOUSE CEREMONY

FRANKLIN- Tri-County RVTHS was honored at the Commonwealth Compass Schools Recognition Event at the State House in Boston on Monday, Feb. 5th, after recently being named a 2007 Compass School.

Tri-County Superintendent-Director Barbara Renzoni, Principal Mark Wood, and Curriculum Coordinator Joseph Baeta attended the afternoon luncheon and ceremony on the school's behalf to accept an official 2007 Compass School Citation from the state Senate and House of Representatives.

"There were 35 schools being honored at Compass Schools Recognition Event," said Wood, "Twenty of those schools were high schools, and of those twenty, ten were vocational technical schools. That number really says something about what vocational education is doing for students."

After meeting with state legislators in the Grand Staircase of the State House, attendees enjoyed lunch, and were then welcomed to the ceremony by Massachusetts Commissioner of Education David Driscoll, who presented school principals with their official citations.

"The interesting thing is that we received two honors," noted Principal Wood, "The first one was for 2006 MCAS scores above state averages and an increase in the percentage of students performing in the proficient and advanced categories. The second honor was in recognition for exceeding standards with a population of 40% or more disadvantaged or special needs students."

"We provide truly personalized education at Tri-County," said Baeta, "We look at students individually, and make sure that academic learning is occurring as well as hands-on learning."

"We give every student at Tri-County the support they need to excel," Wood said, "We do everything we can to identify and then address areas they struggle with and always reward them for the areas they shine in."

Baeta attributes Tri-County's success with MCAS scores to the school's proactive approach to data analysis as well. "We are a model school in the way we use data," he noted, "Our teachers analyze tests so we can see where our strengths and our weaknesses are, and so we can help students to improve."

"We use data because it benefits students," added Wood, "But we also have incredible teachers who care about their students and make this all happen. We would like to recognize

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Jim Whealan, a math teacher here who has really helped students who struggle with math. He has said that he feels that Tri-County being named a Compass School is the result of a team effort, and that we all own it as a group.”

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Tri-County Principal Mark Wood with the official Commonwealth Compass School Certificate presented to him at the Recognition Event at the State House in Boston.