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Commissioner Robert C. Haas Presents Awards to Student Mediators

June 29, 2010 – Commissioner Haas was in attendance for the completion of Mediation Orientation Training for students from the Cambridge Rindge and Latin School.

Twelve students from Cambridge and one from Newton were awarded their certificates by the Commissioner after successfully completing twenty hours of training to become certified student mediators.

These students are now trained to perform mediations, and their work will help reduce fights and disruptions in the classroom, in the cafeteria and outside of school.

Mediation is a way for people to solve their problems by talking. When people participate in mediation sessions they are able to express their side of the story in a confidential setting, without being judged.



Since 2007, the Cambridge Rindge and Latin School Student Mediation Program has been effective in more than 95% of the cases that have been referred. The Mediation Orientation Training is focused on developing listening skills, dealing with angry parties and asking open-ended questions to promote understand and to create a balanced agreement between the two parties.

For more information about the Cambridge Public School District's Mediation Program, please contact Chandra Banks at CBanks@CPSD.us or 617-217-8106.