

## M. D. Fox Vision Celebration By Robert A. Frahm



“Respect, responsibility and self-control” are standards that M.D. Fox Elementary School has established for its students in a vision statement created as part of the CommPACT program.

Fox Principal Michael D. Lorenzo unveiled a 53-word statement outlining the school’s mission at a recent assembly featuring student performances in music and poetry.

The statement is the result of work by students, teachers, parents and community leaders to map a new path for the school. Fox and seven other urban schools across the state are creating the vision statements as one of the first steps in CommPACT

“It’s your vision,” Lorenzo told students, parents and others at an assembly in the school’s auditorium. “It’s the parent’s vision, the community’s, the staff’s. . . .All kinds of people had a chance to develop our new school vision.”

Here is the full text:

“At the Michael D. Fox Elementary School, a CommPACT school, students will be motivated to learn and will show respect, responsibility and self-control in order to meet the educational goals they have helped set for themselves. Staff, parents and the community will work together to ensure that each child reaches his/her full potential.”

Among those attending the recent Fox assembly were Allan Taylor, chairman of the State Board of Education and Mark K. McQuillan, state education commissioner.

McQuillan said later that CommPACT allows schools such as Fox to have more flexibility in matters such as adjusting school schedules to make better use of school hours, possibly even lengthening the school day or school year. “The culture is built from within and the bottom up,” he said. “That’s why I think this has got such promise.”