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## **GNBVT 2019 Accountability Report: GNBVT in 64<sup>th</sup> percentile of all high schools in the Commonwealth High needs students making great strides from 8<sup>th</sup> grade to 10<sup>th</sup> grade Graduation rate increases – Drop-out rate decreases**

**New Bedford, Massachusetts** –Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School (GNBVT) performs in the 64<sup>th</sup> percentile of high schools in Massachusetts in the 2019 Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) Accountability Report issued today (up from the 61<sup>st</sup> in 2018). Each year DESE establishes and measures each school's performance against internal goals and compares school performances across the state. The Report highlights the success of all students, the lowest performing subgroup of students, minority students, and high needs students which includes economically disadvantaged students, English Learning (EL) students, and students with disabilities.

Beyond the overall statistics released that show all GNBVT students meeting or exceeding achievement targets in ELA, Math, and Biology, the report highlights tremendous successes for students in the high needs category (economically disadvantaged students, EL students, and Students with Disabilities). High Needs students' performance at GNBVT when compared to the same subgroup of students across Massachusetts high schools found the group outperformed nearly 90% of their peers. Within the subgroup, both GNBVT Economically Disadvantaged students and EL students outperformed 92% of their peers in the Commonwealth and Students with Disabilities outperformed 70%. The High Needs subgroup achieved Mean Student Growth Scores that demonstrated 'High Growth' in ELA and 'Exceeded Typical Growth' in Math. The Mean Student Growth indicator compares students with peers across the state that shared prior assessment scores in middle school and measures their change in performance on the 10<sup>th</sup> grade assessment.

"This report continues to demonstrate the academic growth of our students, especially in federally designated student subgroups, whose proficiency in ELA, Math and Science is growing faster than their peer groups across the state from middle school to high school. It is a testament to the great work our teachers are doing in remediating skill gaps and challenging students with an interactive, skill based education," said **James L. O'Brien, Superintendent/Director of Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School**. "Quite simply, these students are demonstrating higher growth in 10<sup>th</sup> grade when compared to their peer groups statewide. We are even more pleased with the progress of our high needs students who all continue to show significant academic progress year over year."

Beginning in 2018, the DESE began measuring the performance of every school's lowest 25% of students. In the last two years the lowest 25% of GNBVT students have sustained a 6-point increase in ELA, achieved a 10-point increase in math and 12-point increase in science achievement scores. The school continues to "raise the floor" in student achievement by increasing the results of its lowest performers.

Among the 2019 highlights for GNBVT: In English Language Arts, students achieved a Composite Performance Index (CPI) score of 99.2 which exceeded the target; in Mathematics, students achieved a CPI score of 95.6 and in Science students achieved a CPI score of 93.7, with both assessments meeting the targets identified by DESE. The report also found GNBVT's graduation rate increased over the previous year growing to 90.1% and the drop-out rate decreased by more than 25% over 2017, exceeding the target rate for GNBVT.

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Our full report can be found [on-line here](#).

**About Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational-Technical High School:**

Our mission at Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School is to provide an education that is rigorous, relevant, and meaningful to each student in a safe and supportive environment, resulting in academic, career, and technical excellence. With an enrollment of more than 2,000 students, GNBVT is the among the largest vocational-technical high schools in Massachusetts serving New Bedford, Dartmouth and Fairhaven. The education and the vocational skills provided by GNBVT prepare students for the workforce or higher education by making them well-rounded and responsible citizens. We instill passion in our students, which produces internal drive, enthusiasm, and pride. Through perseverance, we ensure that our students receive the best education and experiences by offering over two dozen career majors. With a graduation rate of 90.1%, GNBVT is committed to student success and encourages lifelong learning. Since 2009, 100% of GNBVT graduates have had a post-secondary plan which includes college, further technical training, work, or military.

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