

And They're Off!

PMHS has been awarded \$200,000 by way of a grant from the Nellie Mae Education Foundation, a large New England public charity formed by the Nellie Mae Corporation, a nonprofit education financing company. This brief handout is intended to help you better understand how these monies will be used.

So, what's it for?

This grant was awarded to PMHS to help in the planning stages of Pittsfield School District's movement toward an alternative to traditional education called Student Centered Learning (SCL).

How does this change the way our children are currently being taught?

Not every student learns the same way. Some excel through traditional, book-taught, classroom methods. Some do not. Student centered learning rethinks where, when, and how students learn. It expands education beyond the school's walls and traditional ways while it makes the community and its resources an important part of the learning process. Project-based learning, internships, experiential learning, career technical education, peer learning, and apprenticeships are features of student centered learning.

Who's deciding how this will be done?

The Pittsfield School District has organized what is called a Community Advisory Council. It is made up of local community members, area volunteers, school administrators, school board, teachers and students interested in this very exciting concept of changing the way our students learn.

When is this change going to happen?

Currently, the Community Advisory Council is putting together a model of how the new concept will look and be applied. By this fall, it is anticipated that the plan will be completed and presented to the community before our final grant application is submitted.

How can I find out more?

The Community Advisory Council welcomes any questions you may have or input you might like to contribute. Teams are being assembled to help our community access information about this transition by many different methods.

As important as it is that you understand what is taking place within our school community, it also very important that we understand your expectations. We expect to create a dialogue within our community that allows every voice to be heard.

For the latest information on PMHS Redesign, please contact future@pittsfield.k12.nh.us