



## **RMHS Retail Banking Students Visit the Boston Federal Reserve Bank**

As part of the Retail Banking course at the Reading Co-operative Bank School Branch, students visited the Federal Reserve Bank in Boston on October 24 to conclude their study of the Federal Reserve Banking System. Mark Lloret of the Federal Reserve Bank's Public Relations Department presented an overview of the origins of the Federal Reserve System, the organizational structure, and how it influences banks and the economy. In addition to the overview, students participated in an interactive economic decision making investment game involving risk, knowledge of history, and a little luck. Tim Rattigan was the big winner of the investment game. Retail Banking instructor Ms. Lynch states that many students were very excited and impressed with this visit with some students inquiring about employment opportunities. The Retail Banking course is a collaborative program whereby students work daily with Branch Manager Laurel Scippa in the Reading Co-operative Bank branch located in the high school performing all branch bank functions while learning about banking systems and the economy. Many thanks to the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston for their informative program and to the Reading Co-operative Bank for funding the cost of the bus transportation.