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## Governor Wentworth Regional School District

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*Helping Each Child Create the Future*

April 21, 2023

Dear Governor Wentworth Regional School District & Middleton Families,

I hope this letter finds you well. I would like to take a moment to appreciate the beautiful spring season that we are experiencing. The warm sunshine and blossoming flowers are a wonderful reminder of the beauty that nature has to offer. I encourage you to take the opportunity to spend time outdoors with your family and make the most of this delightful weather.

The NH Education Department is reviewing a proposal to amend rules governing the Minimum Standards for Public Schools Approval. The proposal has been in development for two years with input from various professional organizations. The State Board of Education is seeking additional input from students, parents, business leaders, educators, and more before entering into the rulemaking process. The rulemaking process includes opportunities for public comment and oversight by the Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules. Information sessions are being planned throughout the state to discuss the draft and gather insight. [Here is a letter](#) from Commissioner Edelblut explaining the process, which includes a link to the draft document.

Lastly, I hope you have a nice April vacation week off. This will be a wonderful opportunity for our students to relax, recharge and spend time with their families. We encourage you to plan activities that will be enjoyable and beneficial for your children during this break.

As always, we appreciate your continued support and collaboration. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Caroline Arakelian  
Superintendent of Schools

## Teaching & Learning Update: Lakes Region Technology Center

Students and staff at the Lakes Regional Technology Center have been busy this month with various competitions and spring events. Fourteen Marketing and Business students placed first or second in the state competitions and will be traveling to Florida during April break to compete at their national conference. Students in HOSA (Health) and Precision Manufacturing also competed in recent state competitions, and several are moving on to national events in the coming months. All students in Health Science who sat for the state's LNA exam passed; we are very proud of these newly licensed students! Students in Theater Arts and the Multimedia program recently presented an original production and will go to the New England Conference in Rockport, Maine, as NH's gold medal winners. Beyond the excitement of competitions, students in FFA (Future Farmers of America) and the culinary program have been planning and preparing for upcoming spring events where they will showcase their learning and their talents. This past week, LRTC and KRHS co-hosted a college fair for all students and LRTC hosted a summer jobs fair. The summer jobs fair was especially exciting because several staff have been working with students on job skills and this provides students the opportunity to practice these skills. Finally, LRTC has partnered with the state's Education Department for CTE (Career and Technical Education) and is visiting all of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade schools in the district with the CTE RV. LRTC Student Ambassadors lead activities with 6<sup>th</sup> graders to demonstrate the kinds of programs available at LRTC and provide them with an understanding of career planning. It is a wonderful opportunity for students to share what they have learned in their program while inspiring future LRTC students. Clearly, spring is a busy and exciting time of year at Lakes Region Technology Center!

Respectfully submitted by Katey Hills, EdD, Director of Curriculum and Instruction

## Upcoming Events

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
<b>5/2 and 5/4</b>	Carpenter School Kindergarten Registration
<b>5/6/2023</b>	HOSA LNA/EMT Pinning Ceremony 4:00pm
<b>5/8 to 5/12</b>	National Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week
<b>5/8/2023</b>	Joint Boards Meeting @ Skylight Dining 6:00pm Followed by GWRSD School Board Meeting @ KRMS 7:30pm
<b>5/10/2023</b>	Middleton Kindergarten Registration
<b>5/10/2023</b>	Middleton School Board Meeting 6:00pm
<b>5/11/2023</b>	OCS Grades 1-3 Spring Concert @ KAC 7:00pm
<b>5/12/2023</b>	KRHS Spring Concert @ KAC 7:00pm

5/13/2023	KRHS Prom
5/16/2023	Crescent Lake Band/Chorus @ KAC 6:30pm
5/17/2023	NDS & TCS Combined Band/Chorus/Recorder @ KAC 6:30pm
5/18/2023	DECA Awards Night @ KRHS Lecture Hall 5:00pm
5/24/2023	Gold Scholars Luncheon @ Back Bay Boathouse 12:00pm
5/24/2023	KRMS Spring Concert @ KAC 6:30pm
5/25/2023	Academic Awards Night
5/29/2023	No School - Memorial Day
5/31/2023	OCS Grades 4-6 Band/Chorus Concert @ OCS 6:00pm

## 603 Survey

The New Hampshire Department of Education wants to hear from staff, families, and community members in the GWRSD community. The 603 Bright Futures Survey is available now through April 28. This survey will gather actionable feedback around learning models, school climate, family and community engagement and other topics in order to understand the successes and challenges of the recent school year and plan for the upcoming school year.

Survey Links: To access the surveys, please visit the appropriate link(s) beginning Monday, March 13, through Friday, April 28, 2023.

- Families in K-12, Preschool, and Private Schools: [bit.ly/nhedfamily](https://bit.ly/nhedfamily)
- Staff in Public and Private Schools: [bit.ly/nhedstaff](https://bit.ly/nhedstaff)
- Community Members\*: [bit.ly/nhedcommunity](https://bit.ly/nhedcommunity)

*\* Please note that "Community Members" are those who do not have students enrolled in New Hampshire public schools. Those who do should complete the family surveys instead.*

## Previously Shared Information

The information below has been shared with families in previously issued communication but may still be of interest.

## GWRSD & MSD 2023-2024 School Calendars

The Middleton School Board approved the School Calendar for the 2023-2024 School Year. The calendar can be found on the [Middleton School District website](#). The calendar mirrors the GWRSD

calendar with one difference. Middleton Elementary School will be in session during the Presidential Primary on February 6th, 2024 which also moves the last day of school back one day.

The Governor Wentworth Regional School District School Board approved the School Calendar for the 2023-2024 School Year. The calendar can be found on this page of the GWRSD website: <https://www.gwrSD.org/calendar>.

### NH Education Department Information

**Summer Camp Assistance:** The New Hampshire Department of Education is partnering with New Hampshire camps and school-age summer programs across the state to offer students the unique opportunity to move beyond COVID-19 and be a kid again. Students of all ages, backgrounds and abilities benefit from exposure to short-term summer enrichment programs, including in the areas of challenge, friend-making, positivity, and emotional safety. Details regarding eligibility for assistance and participating camps in our communities can be found here: [ReKindling Curiosity](#)

**[New Hampshire expands access to free online tutoring for students grades 6-12.](#)** Continuing with its efforts to close gaps and recover from missed learning, the New Hampshire Department of Education has selected Tutor.com to provide 24/7 online tutoring for every middle and high school student in the state. Through this partnership, more than 100,000 middle and high school students will gain unlimited access to Tutor.com – anytime, anywhere, from any internet-connected device. Please contact your school administrator to learn how KRMS & KRHS students can take advantage of this service through the “Clever” application.

### We're Hiring!

Please help us spread the word about our open positions! We are looking for caring individuals to work with our incredible students and staff. Prospective candidates can reach out to principals if they have questions about flexible hours. GWRSD and Middleton are hiring for the following open positions: paraprofessional, substitute, long-term substitute, lunch/recess proctor, reading assistant (Title 1), food service, office assistant, hall monitor, high school coach, bus driver and more.

Click the “[Employment](#)” link at the top of the district website for all GWRSD & Middleton employment information including locations & the application process.