



NMRSD Update October 17, 2023

NOLA Service Learning

NOLA Service Learning at NMRHS is hosting a FUN(D) Fest on Saturday, October 21st from 9:00 am-3:00 pm. It will include a yard sale and car wash. If you have a chance, please stop by to support this great program and group of NM students!!!

NM NOLA SERVICE LEARNING PRESENTS...

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21ST
NORTH MIDDLESEX REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
9 - 3 PM



YARD SALE DONATIONS DROP OFF ON FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 20TH, FROM 3 - 6 PM
FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE EMAIL
NOLASERVICELEARNING@GMAIL.COM



NMRHS Open House for 8th Grade Students & Families

Grade 8 Thursday, October 26th

The NMRHS staff and students want to welcome all of our 8th-grade students and families to an open house on Thursday, October 26th. Our program runs from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm and this is a perfect opportunity for members of our school community to get a sense of our course offerings and extra curricular

activities, meet our teaching and counseling staff, and get a detailed overview of what life is like for our students each day.

Outstanding School Lunch Balance

Townsend Ecumenical Outreach (TEO) recently contacted the district with an offer to help families who may have an outstanding school lunch balance. Families in this situation are encouraged to contact Kym at 978-877-6002 or info@teo-ma.org for support in satisfying outstanding balances.

Building Counselors

As the role of traditional school counselor's (previously referred to as Guidance Counselors) has evolved to meet the needs of our students, please read this article to learn more about the role of a school counselor in today's schools:

[Guidance-Counselor-vs-School-Counselor](#)

For more information on this, please contact your child's school counselor.

Title I - Annual Parent Meeting

Title I is a federal aid program for schools. The goal of Title I is to ensure a high-quality education for every child, by providing extra help to students who need it most. Title I has three primary objectives:

- to improve student achievement for all participating children
- to improve staff development
- to improve parental and community involvement

For the 2023-2024 school year, Title I funds are being allocated to our three elementary schools, with academic interventionists focusing their efforts on reinforcing early literacy skills.

As part of the grant requirements, a meeting is held each year to explain the program and for families to learn about the service delivery in each school. This year's meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 24, 2023, at 10 a.m. The meeting will be held virtually in order to provide greater opportunity for participation. If you would like to attend, please register [here](#), and a link for the meeting will be sent to you as the date approaches.

Parents/Caregivers - Who to Contact

Very often, students and/or caregivers are unsure who to contact in the North Middlesex Regional School District in case of questions, concerns, or problems.

Please direct these to the appropriate contact(s) below to ensure a prompt response.

*Classroom issues...*contact the teacher first. If you have additional concerns, contact the School counselor. If you are still concerned, contact the building Principal.

*Scheduling issues...*contact the School Counselor first. If you have additional concerns, contact the building Assistant Principal/Principal.

*Curriculum issues...*contact the appropriate teacher first. If you have additional concerns, contact the building Principal. Finally, contact the Assistant Superintendent's office to speak with the applicable Director.

*Special Education issues...*contact the appropriate teacher(s) first and then your son/daughter's special education liaison (listed on your child's IEP), if warranted. If you have additional concerns, contact the building Assistant Principal/Principal. Finally, contact the Student Services office.

*Behavioral issues...*contact the teacher first. If you are still concerned, contact the Guidance Counselor and then the building Assistant Principal/Principal.

*Social, emotional, personal, health, or family issues...*contact the School/Adjustment Counselor, or the nurse to discuss your concerns with them. If necessary, also contact the building Assistant Principal/Principal. Contact the Student Services office if you feel your concern has gone unresolved.

Homeless or temporary housing (McKinney Vento Status): Contact the Guidance Counselor and inform them of your status. In some instances, they may direct you to the building Principal. Finally, contact the Student Services office. The homeless liaison (Brad Brooks) will be notified of the status, and transportation will be arranged through his office (if needed).

*Athletics issues...*contact the coach first. If you are still concerned, contact the Director of Athletics. Finally, contact the Principal.

*Attendance issues...*contact the School Counselor first. If attendance issues continue, contact the building Assistant Principal/Principal.

*Report Cards & Transcripts...*contact the School Counselor first. If you have additional questions, contact the building Assistant Principal/Principal.

*Harassment & Discrimination...*contact building Principal. If you are still concerned, contact the Title IX and VI Coordinators. Finally, contact the Human Resources office.

*Bullying...*contact the School Counselor. If you are still concerned, contact the building Assistant Principal/Principal.

*Technology questions and/or issues...*contact the district technology office.

*Student Activities/Clubs...*contact the advisor first. If you are still concerned, contact the building Assistant Principal/Principal.

*Special Education Transportation (VanPool Transportation)...*contact the Student Services office.

*Transportation (Dee Bus)...*contact the building secretary, followed by the building Assistant Principal/Principal. Finally, contact the business office.

*Food Service...*contact the Food Services Manager. Finally, contact the business office.

*Ethics Questions...*contact the Massachusetts State Ethics Commission. The Commission's Legal Division provides free, confidential advice to anyone subject to the conflict of interest law. To obtain advice from the Commission, call (617) 371-9500 or (888) 485-4766 or request advice online.

<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/state-ethics-commission-frequently-asked-questions>

*District Policies...*contact your School Committee representative or the committee chairperson.

For email contact to a specific faculty, staff, or committee member, please enter the person's first initial and last name @nmrsd.org, for example, jdoe@nmrsd.org.

2023-2024 NMRSD Administrative Team

Name	Role	School
Anne Cromwell-Gapp	Principal Extended Day Program Coordinator	AES
Kate Guziejka	Principal	SMS
Stephanie Thompson	Assistant Principal	SMS
Ami Dolan	Co-Principal	VBES
Meghan Branco	Co-Principal	VBES
Chantele Olmstead	Principal	HBMS
Jason White	Assistant Principal	HBMS
Lauren Young	Principal	NMS
Evan Worth	Assistant Principal	NMS
Tim McMahon	Principal	NMRHS
Laurie Smith	Assistant Principal	NMRHS
Ryan Demar	Assistant Principal	NMRHS
Matt Dawson	Athletic Director & Facility Rentals	NMRHS
David Amari	Director of Facilities and Grounds	District
Cathryn Hampson	Supervisor of Health Services	District
Jeremy Hamond	Director of Operations Technology Facility Use Student Registration	District
Nancy Haines	Business Manager	District
Anne Marie Tucciarone-Mahan	Director of Human Resources Title VI/IX Coordinator for Staff	District

Brad Brooks	Director of Student Services Special Education Counseling Homeless Liaison ADA Compliance Officer	District
John Judge	Assistant Director of Special Education Out-of-District Coordinator SECC Administrative Supervisor	District
Diane Gleason	Administrative Coach Grant Writer	District
Margaret Desilets	Evaluation Team Leader	District
Gary Burboa-Reese	Assistant Superintendent Homeschooling Title VI/IX Coordinator for Students	District
Kevin Cormier	Director of STEM (Math, Science, & Engineering)	District
Lisa Comeau	Director of Humanities (English, Language Arts, History & Social Sciences)	District
Brad Morgan	Superintendent	District

2023-2024 School Committee Meeting Dates

For now, all sub-committee and most school committee meetings will continue to be virtual as we continue to receive feedback that it is more convenient for the public to attend. Attendance at school committee meetings is one of the best ways to remain current with district policy, budgetary matters, and news.

Unless noted otherwise, all meetings are held on Thursday evenings and begin at 6:00 p.m. For the full docket of meetings, please click on the link below:

[SC Meeting Calendar.pdf](#)

Please note these dates are subject to change as committee business necessitates.

2023-2024 School Calendar

For the full 2023-2024 school calendar, please click the link below:

[School Calendar](#)

2023-2024 Caregiver-Teacher Conferences (November/March)

Due to the feedback we received, this year will be a little different than the past couple of years and will be as follows:

Elementary will encourage in-person but offer virtual if requested.

Middle will remain virtual.

Please keep in mind that while these are scheduled conference blocks, caregivers can request, either through the teacher or a guidance counselor, a meeting as well. Every effort needs to be made to ensure that these requests are granted in a timely manner.

NMRSD Adopt a Spot Program

We will continue the NMRSD "Adopt a Spot" Program, which provides opportunities for companies, civic groups, and community members to adopt a "spot" (island/mulch bed/entryway) to create attractive, welcoming "oases" throughout the District. Adopters agree to invest "sweat equity" to maintain a spot at one of our schools, in return for which an Adopt a Spot sign recognizing the spot's adopter will be installed by the District. Adopters agree to maintain the area for one fiscal year (July-June) during the summer, fall, and spring seasons. Spots are available at all of our schools.

To begin the process of becoming a Spot Adopter, please contact Andrea Royer at 978-597-8713 ext. 1900 to find a spot that suits your interest and discuss guidelines.