



## **NMRSD Update February 21, 2024**

### **Thank You**

I would like to give an NM “Shout Out” to Representative Margaret Scarsdale for her continued advocacy and support of NM. Representative Scarsdale has been working on NM’s behalf to address the regional school funding formula and has recently engaged Senator John Cronin and other state legislators to push for additional support for NMRSD.

Thank you, Representative Scarsdale and Senator Cronin, for being our voice on Beacon Hill!

### **NM Jazz Band**

On March 14th, the NM Jazz Band (and guests) will be performing at St. Anselm College in Manchester, NH, to open for a performance featuring Delfeayo Marsalis from 7 pm-9 pm at the Dana Center-Koonz Theatre.

Delfeayo is a Grammy winner, an NEA Jazz Master, and immediate member of the highly acclaimed Marsalis family. The "first family of jazz" became prominent about forty years ago when Delfeayo's older brothers, Wynton and Branford, hit the scene. Now, along with the youngest brother, Jason, these musicians are among the world's most elite on their respective instruments.

More info on Delfeayo Marsalis:

<https://www.dmarsalis.com/biography/>

Please consider supporting the NM Jazz Band at this exciting event!

### **Superintendent Community Advisory Vacancy**

I currently have a vacancy on my Advisory. The Advisory is made up of 2 caregivers/community members from each community, and I am in need of a representative from Ashby. We meet virtually once per month at 5 pm and discuss all issues related to the school district in an effort to get different perspectives on the table, which are then brought to the administration. If you reside in Ashby and are interested, please email me at [bmorgan@nmrsd.org](mailto:bmorgan@nmrsd.org).

### **NMRS Scholarship Foundation**

THE NMRS Scholarship Foundation invites you to support our annual scholarship drive for the class of 2024. If you or your business want to contribute a scholarship to a graduating NM senior this year, please reach out!

<https://nmrssholarshipfoundation.weebly.com/>

Established in 1964, the Foundation has granted over a million dollars to graduating seniors from NMRHS to advance their education. We are thrilled to commemorate 60 years of assisting NMRHS students!

As NMRHS parents, community members, student representatives, and school personnel, we are committed to fundraising to support our senior graduates as they pursue higher education. Through various initiatives such as fundraisers, memorial and business scholarships, and contributions from the community, we consistently raise over \$60,000 each year. These funds are then allocated as scholarships for North Middlesex Regional High School seniors seeking further education at technical or vocational schools, two-year colleges, four-year colleges, or universities.

### **Special Olympics Unified Champion School**

North Middlesex Regional High School takes great pride in being designated as a Special Olympics Unified Champion School. Within our school community, there is a deep understanding of the positive impact that Unified Sports can have on the lives of young individuals. Whether packing the stands at Unified Basketball games or enthusiastically cheering on our Unified Track and Field participants, North Middlesex stands united in its support for Special Olympians and Unified Partners.

We are delighted to announce a new addition to the NM sports lineup in the Winter of 2025 - Unified Strength and Conditioning. This demonstrates our ongoing commitment to fostering inclusivity and providing opportunities for all students.

To further showcase our support for the Special Olympics, NMRHS Unified Coaches and students have collaborated to organize a Mobile Polar Plunge

event scheduled for April 3rd, 2024, which is a half-day. This event will consist of two waves to ensure participation from all schools across the District: 11:15 am-12:15 pm (high school) and 12:30 pm-1:30 pm (middle and elementary schools). The Mobile Polar Plunge is a meaningful way for our school to express solidarity with the Special Olympics and encourage unity within our community.

Please note that the Polar Plunge is exclusively open to students and staff who are current members of the North Middlesex School District. Participants can take the plunge individually, form their own teams, or join the Unified Athletics team, making it an inclusive and exciting opportunity for everyone involved.

For more information, click [here](#).

### **NHS Tutoring Program**

National Honor Society members dedicate their time to tutoring elementary, middle, and high school students. Tutoring sessions are held in town libraries after school from 3:00 pm-5:00 pm on weekdays and from 10:00 am-2:00 pm on Saturdays. You can find more specific details about days, times, and locations in the [Google Tutoring Form](#). High school students also have the option for tutoring after school from 2:00 pm-3:00 pm in the Commons or during flex block on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Once a student or parent completes the Google Form, we match them with a tutor and assist in scheduling their first tutoring session.

### **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](mailto:info@teo-ma.org) for support in satisfying outstanding balances.

### **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.

*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](mailto:jdoe@nmrsd.org).

### **2023-2024 NMRSD Administrative Team**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>School</b>
Anne Cromwell-Gapp	Principal Extended Day Program Coordinator	AES
Kate Guziejka	Principal	SMS
Stephanie Thompson	Assistant Principal	SMS
Ami Dolan	Principal	VBES
Lisa Comeau	Interim Assistant 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
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 (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.