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Helping Each Child Create the Future

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Dear Governor Wentworth Regional School District & Middleton Families,

As we wrap up another remarkable school year, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your unwavering support and engagement with our district. Your involvement has been instrumental in creating a vibrant and nurturing educational environment for our students. Together, we have navigated challenges and celebrated many successes, all of which would not have been possible without the dedication of our families, staff, and community members.

As we head into the summer break, I encourage you to keep your children active and engaged. Here are five tips to ensure a fun and productive summer for your families:

- **Explore the Outdoors:** Take advantage of the beautiful weather by visiting local parks, hiking trails, or beaches. Outdoor activities not only provide physical exercise but also offer opportunities for learning about nature and the environment.
- **Read Together:** Foster a love of reading by setting aside time each day for family reading. Visit the local library, explore new genres, and even start a family book club to discuss your favorite stories.
- **Learn a New Skill:** Summer is a great time for students to pursue new hobbies or skills. Whether it's learning to cook, play an instrument, or try a new sport, encouraging curiosity and growth can be both fun and rewarding.
- **Volunteer as a Family:** Give back to the community by participating in volunteer activities. This not only helps those in need but also teaches valuable lessons about empathy, compassion, and civic responsibility.
- **Stay Curious with Educational Trips:** Plan visits to museums, historical sites, or science centers. These trips can be both educational and entertaining, providing hands-on learning experiences that spark curiosity and inspire lifelong learning.

Thank you once again for your continued support and partnership. I wish you all a wonderful and safe summer filled with joy, exploration, and family time. We look forward to welcoming you back in the fall, ready for another year of growth and achievement.

Sincerely,



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A Note of Gratitude from the Transportation Department

Transportation would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all parents and school staff for their incredible cooperation and support throughout this year. Your efforts have been instrumental in making efficient transportation possible despite the challenges we've faced.

Many parents have taken on the responsibility of transporting their own children due to staffing shortages, road closures, and other unforeseen circumstances. Your assistance has made a significant impact on our ability to cover routes, ensuring that field trips and sports trips could still take place.

We also want to express our gratitude to the school staff who have gone above and beyond by staying at school until all buses were cleared, helping students who missed their buses, and even taking the initiative to obtain a school bus certificate.

Transportation is like a complex puzzle, and thanks to your collective efforts, we have managed to piece it together successfully this year. Your dedication and collaboration have been invaluable.

With Sincere Gratitude, The GWRSD Transportation Department

WCTV: Coffee and Conversation with the Superintendent

WCTV YouTube Channel Presents: [Coffee & Conversations with the Superintendent](#)

We are excited to invite you to view the first "Coffee and Conversation with the Superintendent" recording, now available on Wolfeboro Community Television (WCTV). You can watch it on YouTube through the link provided above or on community television. In this inaugural session, three high school students joined me to discuss their questions and concerns. We began with a wrap-up of the school year, celebrated our achievements, and looked ahead to our plans for the upcoming year. I want to extend a special thank you to these students for their courage in stepping out of their comfort zones, bringing hard-hitting questions, and engaging in this important dialogue. We look forward to hosting more conversations next year! Thank you for tuning in!

School Spotlights

As another school year comes to a close, students and staff have celebrated learning and growth through culminating activities, promotion ceremonies, and end-of-year festivities. Kindergartners who entered school last September with big eyes and anxious smiles are eager to share what they have learned about letters and numbers. Fifth graders have solidified their understanding of fractions and are ready to jump into sixth grade as they prepare for their last year at the elementary schools. Eighth graders are nervous but excited about heading off to high school, where they will extend what they have learned about physical science and American history in high school courses. The high school and LRTC honored another talented class at graduation, and rising sophomores and juniors are beginning to apply what they've learned in their classes to thinking about possible career pathways. There has been much to celebrate this year, and even more to look forward to. Enjoy a wonderful summer season!

Upcoming Events

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
6/24 - 6/28	<i>Camp Invention</i>
7/9	<i>GWRSD School Board Meeting - Town of Brookfield (Non-Public 6:00pm / Public 7:00pm)</i>
7/16	<i>GWRSD NHSBA School Board Training - KRHS Plex 6:00pm</i>
7/9 - 8/8	<i>Summer School (Tues-Thurs)</i>
9/3/2024	<i>First Day of School GWRSD and Middleton Elementary School</i>

~ Go to <https://www.gwrSD.org/calendar> to view the full 2024-2025 GWRSD & MSD Calendar ~

Previously Shared Information

The following information was shared in a previous newsletter and may still be of interest to families.

GWRSD/MSD ESSER III Funds Survey

“ESSER” stands for Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief. These are funds that have been allocated to the schools from the federal government for financial assistance during COVID. The funds have been allocated in three phases. They are intended to assist schools with certain circumstances associated with the pandemic, such as personal protective equipment, staffing, safety in school buildings, keeping schools open, supporting academic growth, and social and emotional learning. ESSER I, ESSER II, and ESSER III grants are posted on the GWRSD website for the public to review.

As we look to allocate the final of the ESSER III funds, the School Board proposed and approved to improve the air quality in schools after soliciting community input for more than one year. Middleton is considering several projects including storage solutions. Of this final phase, 20% (GWRSD \$1.2 million; MSD \$40k) must be allocated toward mitigating “learning loss” as a result of the pandemic. ESSER III must be spent by September 30th, 2024 unless the district applies for a late liquidation waiver for an additional few months.

We have compiled a list of needs across the district and will provide that here as well as in a survey to parents. We are soliciting community input on this list and any other items families would like to provide. You may elect to complete the survey, email us directly, or call the school or SAU office. We hope you will provide input as to your thoughts on how the funds should be spent.

GWRSD Identified needs:

- Transportation: Replace seven vans mainly used for out of district placements. They are on average ten years old with approximately 300k miles. Replace one 24 passenger bus. Replace cameras on all buses.
- Supplies for all schools.

- Technology: student chromebook replacements.
- Summer Professional Development & materials
- Training: behavior de escalation/ safety / special education topics/ Assessment (Academic Achievement)
- Summer Programming open to all students.
- Summer Materials for all students: books, supplies, STEM kits.
- Onboarding for online platforms.
- Safety materials for classrooms
- Other strategic plan activities such as the wellness and equity audits/ data collection.

GWRSD/ MSD ESSER III Funds Survey: [Click here to take the survey.](#)

Email: sau49@sau49.org [title the email: ESSER III]

Call: SAU Office (603) 569-1658 or your local school.

Go to www.GWRSD.org About > ESSER Funds to find all of this information.