



NMRSD Update September 18, 2024

NMRSD & Town Leadership Budget Forum

When: Tuesday, October 1st @ 6:00 pm
Where: NMRHS Performing Arts Center

As you are aware, the state funding formula for regional school districts continues to underserve our students and put undue stress on the taxpayers of our member towns.

School and town officials are working under the premise that for a community to be desirable, it needs both a strong public school system and strong town services. Both require proper funding.

The purpose of this forum is to inform the public of the current state and federal mandates that cause annual increases to our operating budget, even with declining enrollment. In addition, the challenges that the towns face will be shared.

Please join the NMRSD central office and town leadership as we begin to plan how to advocate properly for our youth, staff, and taxpayers.

As our state and federal governments continue to find ways to fund other initiatives, we all have to prioritize that NM and the towns it serves are properly supported.

Elementary Report Card Update

North Middlesex will introduce an updated report card for students in grades K-4 this year. A committee of teachers, along with the Curriculum Office,

worked throughout last year to update our standards-based report card to be more reflective of the math and ELA curricula being used in the district. The hope is that it is a clearer and more concise way for caregivers and families to know how their students demonstrate their learning. A quick presentation can be found [here](#), and if you have any further questions, please contact Kevin Cormier at kcormier@nmrsd.org

For NMRHS Families Only

If you are unaware, NMRHS will undergo an accreditation process with NEASC this year. Part of this process includes a **high school** family survey, and only one survey can be completed per high school household.

Please note that your high school student(s) are in the process of taking the survey during their math block.

For the data to be valid, at least 25% of our high school families must complete the survey, which takes approximately 10 minutes. Once you start the survey, you must complete it, as the information is not saved.

The survey link is below:

[NEASC Family Survey](#)

Thank you for your time and cooperation as we go through this process.

Title I Programming Flex Waiver Notification

Each year, our district receives federal grant funding to provide additional support to students through Title I. We have prioritized this funding to support student needs at the elementary level. Our federal allocation is based on the percentage of students identified as low-income. Further, the amount of funding that needs to be allocated within each building is based on the percentage of low-income students in that building. To qualify for services, the building must have a low-income percentage higher than our district's low-income average. Based on the state's calculations, Spaulding Memorial School does not meet the criteria to continue to receive Title I funding. To ensure parity of support between our three elementary schools, we have submitted a one-year waiver request, allowing us to continue supporting

students in each building. Our focus this year will be on supporting students with early literacy skills.

In accordance with federal requirements, we are providing families with notice of this waiver. If you have any questions about the waiver, please contact Dr. Gary Burboa-Reese at gburboareese@nmrsd.org

Alert Lockdown Inform Counter Evacuate (ALICE) Drills

The District will again conduct ALICE drills in all of our buildings this year in collaboration with our police and fire departments. Please remember that certain drills require students to leave campus to a “rally/reunification site.” As has been past practice, families and community members will not be notified in advance of these drills. Reassuring your son/daughter that these drills are practice and are in place to keep staff/students safe if we ever need to employ this response.

NM Patriots Apparel Flash Store

Shop NM Patriots apparel, clothing, spirit wear, and merchandise on our NM Patriots flash store. Orders are due on Monday, September 30, 2024.

IMPORTANT: To ensure proper distribution, please begin by selecting the school where you want to receive your merchandise. We will arrange to have orders sent home with your student. Parents will also have the choice to pick up their merchandise during specified hours.

This is your opportunity to proudly wear NM Patriots merchandise and join in the school spirit!

NM Patriot Athletic Apparel Store:

[North Middlesex Schools Apparel Store - Orders due 9/30/24](#)

Need Extra Help? Sign Up for NHS Tutoring!

Our National Honor Society (NHS) members offer tutoring for elementary, middle, and high school students. Sessions are held at town libraries after school from 3-5 p.m. on weekdays and 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Saturdays. For high

school students, tutoring is also available after school from 2-3 p.m. in the Commons or during flex block on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

If you're interested, click [here](#) to fill out the Google Form. We'll then match you with a tutor and help schedule your first session.

Don't miss out on this fantastic resource for academic support!

Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC)

The Special Education Parent Advisory Council is an organization run by parents of children receiving special education services through the North Middlesex Regional School District. It was created to share information about special education and promote understanding between parents and the school department. SEPAC meetings are held monthly, virtually or in person, and generally held on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm. The first meeting of the 2024-2025 school year will be virtual and is scheduled for **September 17th, 2024, at 7:00 pm.** Agenda: Discuss upcoming fundraisers, possible speakers for future meetings, future meeting dates, sensory Santa, and open house.

For more information or for a link to the meeting on September 17th, contact Richele Bohm, Christie Newell, and Aimee Galloway at nmrsdsepac@gmail.com

Parents/Caregivers - Who to Contact

Students and/or caregivers are often 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 Special Education 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 Assistant Superintendent's 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 Special Education office. The homeless liaison (Erin Upton) 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 Assistant Principal/Athletic Administrator at the High School.

*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 Special Education 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.

*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.

2024-2025 NMRSD Administrative Team

Name	Role	School
Anne Cromwell-Gapp	Principal Extended Day Program Director	AES / SECC
Kate Guziejka	Principal	SMS
Stephanie Thompson	Assistant Principal	SMS
Ami Dolan	Principal	VBES
Ashley McEndarfer	Assistant Principal	VBES
Chantele Olmstead	Principal	HBMS
Jason White	Assistant Principal	HBMS
Lauren Young	Principal	NMS
Evan Worth	Assistant Principal	NMS
Laurie Smith	Interim Principal	NMRHS
Ryan Demar	Assistant Principal/Athletic Administrator	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
Erin Upton	Director of Special Education Homeless Liaison ADA Compliance Officer	District
John Judge	Assistant Director of Special Education Grades 5-8 Evaluation Team Leader Out-of-District Coordinator	District/NMS
Diane Gleason	Administrative Coach / Grants Grant Writer	District
Shannon Cole	Grade K-4 Evaluation Team Leader	District/VBES
Gary Burboa-Reese	Assistant Superintendent Counseling Homeschooling Title VI/IX Coordinator for Students	District
Kevin Cormier	Director of Data & Accountability	District
Lisa Comeau	Director of Title I & Literacy	District

Brad Morgan	Superintendent Health Services	District
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2024-2025 School Calendar

[Please click here for the full 2024-2025 school calendar.](#)

2024-2025 School Committee Meeting Schedule

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Open House Dates

- SECC Monday, August 26th / 10am-12pm & 1pm-3pm
- AES Wednesday, September 11th / 5pm-7pm
- SMS Tuesday, September 24th / 5pm-7pm
- VBES Wednesday, September 18th / 5pm-7pm
- HBMS Wednesday, September 25th / 5pm-7pm
- NMS Thursday, September 12th / 5pm-7pm
- NMRHS Thursday, September 19th / 6pm-8pm
 - Prospective Student Open House(formerly 8th grade open house)
Thursday, October 24th / 6pm-8pm