



NMRSD Update April 8, 2025

MCAS

As we are now moving into MCAS season, I want to be sure that all families are aware of DESE's expectations. During the pandemic, students were allowed to opt out, but this is no longer permissible.

All students are required to participate in the MCAS, and we would appreciate your support in this area. If a family refuses to allow their child to participate, but their child is in attendance, the student will still be given a ticket and a test. Students will not be allowed to read a book in the library or to work on something else in an alternative location.

Welcome Dr. Jessica Rintoul, New Assistant Principal @ NMRHS

We are excited to welcome Dr. Jessica Rintoul to North Middlesex Regional High School as our new Assistant Principal for the 2025-2026 school year! Dr. Rintoul brings a wealth of experience and a strong background in educational leadership. She holds a **Bachelor of Science** from **UMass Amherst**, a **Master of Arts in Teaching** from **Clark University**, and a **Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Leadership** from **Lesley University**.

She has served in various leadership roles, including **Dean of Curriculum and Instruction – Science** and **Pathways Director** in the Lawrence Public Schools. For the past two years, she has been an **Assistant Principal at Fitchburg High School**.

We are thrilled to have Dr. Rintoul join the NMRHS community and look forward to her leadership in the coming school year!

Welcome Mrs. Shannon Cole, New Assistant Director of Special Education

We are excited to welcome Mrs. Shannon Cole to North Middlesex Regional High School as our new Assistant Director of Special Education for the 2025-2026 school year! Mrs. Cole is an experienced educator with a diverse background spanning six school districts across the United States. Prior to

joining the North Middlesex Regional School District, Mrs. Cole spent seven years as a special educator in Massachusetts, California, and North Carolina. Her special education experiences range from preschool to eighth grade, and from inclusion to substantially separate settings. Mrs. Cole has focused her educational growth on special education and special education administration. She holds a **Bachelor of Science in Education** from **Westfield State University** and a **Master of Science in Education** from **Bay Path University**.

Mrs. Cole has several years of educational leadership experience in special education, including **as the Evaluation Team Leader** in the Lowell Public Schools and, most recently, as the **PK-4 Evaluation Team Leader** in the North Middlesex Regional School District.

We are thrilled to have Mrs. Cole in a new role within our NMRSD community and look forward to her leadership in the coming school year!

Congratulations to Assistant Superintendent Gary Burboa-Reese!

Please join us in congratulating Assistant Superintendent Dr. Gary Burboa-Reese, who has been elected to a two-year term on the Executive Committee of the National Association of Federal Education Programs Administrators (NAFEPA).

NAFEPA is a national organization that supports educators working with federally funded programs across school districts and states. Dr. Burboa-Reese currently serves as one of two Massachusetts representatives on the NAFEPA Board of Directors, and he will now also serve alongside the organization's officers on the Executive Committee.

This honor is a testament to Dr. Burboa-Reese's unwavering dedication and leadership in advocating for vulnerable students in Massachusetts and beyond. We are proud of his continued commitment to equity, opportunity, and excellence in education—and grateful for the impact he makes each day in our district.

Congratulations, Dr. Burboa-Reese!

April Title I Newsletter

We're excited to share our April Title I Newsletter, highlighting our recent Family Literacy Night and valuable insights on reading fluency. In this edition, you'll find:

Family Literacy Night Recap: A look at the engaging activities and memorable moments we shared.

Focus on Fluency: Understanding what fluency is, why it matters, and practical tips to support your child's reading development at home.

Access the [April Title I Newsletter!](#)

Thank you for your continued support in fostering a love of reading within our school community.

Warm regards,
Lisa Comeau, Director of Title I & Early Literacy

March Title I Family Newsletter 📖

Check this out! [March Title I Family Newsletter!](#) 📖 ✨ Learn how children develop reading skills and explore simple, effective ways to support your child's reading journey at home. 🏠📚

Have questions? Contact Lisa Comeau, Director of Title I & Early Literacy, at lcomeau@nmrsd.org for more information.

Message from Project Graduation:

Hello parents of the Class of 2025! Your senior will be graduating in just a few months and a great way to recognize this accomplishment is with a NM Yard Sign! Project Graduation is selling yard signs for 20\$ as a fundraiser to raise money for this year's celebration. Please see the attached link to our website to order your Senior Yard Sign and learn more about Project Graduation.
<https://sites.google.com/view/nmrhs-projectgrad/home>

Can you believe your senior is just a few months away from graduation? What better way to celebrate this exciting milestone than with a North Middlesex Yard Sign!

Project Graduation is selling senior yard signs for \$20 as part of a fundraiser to support this year's celebration.

👉 Order your sign and learn more about Project Graduation here:
<https://sites.google.com/view/nmrhs-projectgrad/home>

The Project Graduation Committee is hard at work planning an unforgettable, **FREE** celebration for the **Class of 2025**—and we need your support!

Please click [here](#) to learn how you can **donate** to help fund this special event for our seniors. Every contribution, big or small, makes a difference!

Want to learn more about Project Graduation and how you can get involved?
Visit us at <https://sites.google.com/view/nmrhs-projectgrad>

Let's come together to make this a night to remember for our graduating seniors! 🎉

District & School Report Cards Available

The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has released the annual report cards for all public schools and districts in the state. These report cards provide important insights into school and district performance, including student achievement, teacher qualifications, and learning opportunities.

Click [here](#) for more details, including links to each school's report card. If your child attends a **Title I-funded school**, the letter also outlines your right to request information about their teacher's qualifications.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the report card further, please contact your child's principal.

Townsend Budget Override Forum

Townsend will hold a public forum to explain and answer questions regarding the upcoming override. The meeting will be held at NMRHS in the Susan Robbins Performance Arts Center on Wednesday, April 16th, at 7:00 p.m.

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	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	District

	Facility Use Student Registration	
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 Foster Care Point of Contact	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 PK-4 Evaluation Team Leader	District/VBES
Gary Burboa-Reese	Assistant Superintendent Counseling Homeschooling ADA Compliance Officer 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

2024-2025 School Calendar

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

2024-2025 School Committee Meeting Schedule

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