



NMRSD Update April 24, 2025

Congratulations to Rebecca Jackson – Recipient of the Don Salvucci Award for Promoting Civic Education.

We are proud to share that Rebecca Jackson, high school social studies teacher, department chair, Student Council Co-Advisor, and Rho Kappa advisor, has been selected as this year's recipient of the Don Salvucci Award for Promoting Civic Education.

Laurie Smith, Principal of NMRHS, nominated Ms. Jackson in recognition of her outstanding capabilities and unwavering dedication to fostering civic understanding and student engagement. Through her leadership both in and out of the classroom, Ms. Jackson has inspired students to think critically, lead with purpose, and participate actively in their communities.

The Don Salvucci Award, named in honor of Don Salvucci, former president of the Massachusetts Council for the Social Studies (MCSS) in the 1970s, is a tribute to educators who champion democratic ideals. Salvucci was a visionary who embraced emerging technologies—producing the first NERC conference book on an early Apple computer—and shaped student learning through initiatives like the Constitution Bicentennial events that encouraged deep dives into local history.

This award recognizes classroom educators who bring the principles of citizenship to life, connecting the past with the present and empowering students to become informed, responsible members of society. Rebecca Jackson embodies this mission through her work every day, and we are thrilled to see her efforts honored on this level.

Please join us in congratulating Ms. Jackson on this exceptional and well-deserved achievement!

Thank You to Lisa Comeau - for organizing and running our first Family Literacy Night on Thursday, March 27th, at NMRHS.

It was very well attended by families and staff and was a true community event filled with read-alouds, pizza, and other fun activities.

Thank You Dr. Kevin Cormier - for organizing NM's 2nd Annual Credit for Life Fair, which is scheduled for Monday, May 19th from 8:30 am - 10:00 am in the NMRHS gymnasium.

This, coupled with our Personal Finance courses at the high school, is providing our graduates with some much-needed skills in this area, which were the result of students who advocated for this with the Civic Action Project in 2024.

Reminder: Kindergarten Screening Dates - As a reminder, April 28th and 29th are screening dates for incoming kindergarten students for the 2025-2026 school year. There is no school on those dates for our current kindergarten students. If you have any questions about the screening process, please contact the appropriate elementary school.

Free Paraprofessional Training

May 27 – August 9, 2025 (140 hours total)

Classes will be held in person at the Brockton campus on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 pm—8:30 pm and Saturdays from 8:00 am—12:00 pm.

This course is designed to prepare individuals seeking employment as paraprofessionals. Paraprofessionals are specially trained educators whose primary responsibility is to provide quality instruction and support to school-aged children, particularly those with diverse needs, in an array of academic and community-based settings.

This comprehensive 140-hour program comprises 100 classroom hours and a 40-hour practicum, which must be completed at a school or community provider. Through a combination of theory and practical experience, this course covers the roles, responsibilities, and expectations of paraprofessionals, provides foundational knowledge on child development, social identity theory, special education laws, behavior management, and instructional support strategies.

This training course has selective admissions requirements with specific criteria and deadlines. Students must attend an intake session to complete important documents and will be required to consent to a CORI (criminal offender check) and SORI (sexual offender check). Acceptance is based upon successful completion of the student intake process.

Successful completion of this course prepares you to sit for the Massachusetts ParaPro Assessment. You will also receive a certificate of completion from Massasoit Community College.

Interested? Please complete the online application: [ETF application](#). Once your completed application has been reviewed and accepted, you will be invited to an in-person group interview/intake session to complete the admission process. If you have any questions or are unable to complete and submit the application, please contact the ETF Program team at Massasoit Community College at 508-588-9100 x1509 or via email at ETFPrograms@massasoit.mass.edu.

April Title I Newsletter

We're excited to share our April Title I Newsletter, which highlights our recent Family Literacy Night and offers 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

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 an NM Yard Sign! Project Graduation is selling yard signs for \$20 as a fundraiser to support this year's celebration. Please see the attached link to their website to order your Senior Yard Sign and learn more about Project Graduation.

<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 they 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.

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 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 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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