

**NEWBURYPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**NEWBURYPORT, MASSACHUSETTS**

**School Committee Business Meeting  
6:30PM**

**Wednesday, May 13, 2026**

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Newburyport Public Schools  
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Senior/Community Center, 331 High Street, Newburyport, MA 01950

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*The Mission of the Newburyport Public Schools, the port where tradition and innovation converge, is to ensure each student achieves intellectual and personal excellence and is equipped for life experiences through a system distinguished by students, staff, and community who: - practice kindness and perseverance - celebrate each unique individual - value creativity; experiential, rigorous educational opportunities; scholarly pursuits; and life-long learning - provide the nurturing environments for emotional, social, and physical growth - understand and embrace their role as global citizens.*

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### **School Committee Business Meeting Agenda**

1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance
2. Public Comment
3. \*Warrant – *possible Vote*
4. \*Meeting Minutes April 29, 2026 – *possible Vote*
5. NHS College & Career Preparation Presentation – *Lauren Gee, Director of School Counseling*
6. School Committee Student Representative Report
7. FY27 Budget – *Mayor Sean Reardon*
8. AI Ad Hoc Committee Update – *Superintendent Sean Gallagher*
9. Subcommittee Updates
  - a. Finance Subcommittee – *Andrew Boger*
  - b. Policy Subcommittee – *Kathleen Shaw*
  - c. Teaching & Learning Subcommittee – *Breanna Higgins*
  - d. SEPAC – *Kathleen Shaw*
  - e. NEF – *Lauren Eramo*
10. Superintendent's Report
11. Student Recognitions
12. New Business
13. Executive Session – Vote  
*for the purpose of discussing possible litigation and/or legal matters, and will not reconvene in Open Session.*

\* Possible Vote

### **Adjournment**

\*\* The School Committee reserves the right to call **executive session**, as provided under Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(2), of the General Laws to discuss strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations, collective bargaining and/or potential litigation.

# Newburyport Public Schools

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### AGENDA NOTES

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3. \*Warrant – possible Vote
4. \*Meeting Minutes April 29, 2026 – possible Vote
5. NHS College & Career Preparation Presentation  
*Lauren Gee, Director of School Counseling, will provide an overview of college and career support provided to students at the high school. (see attached)*
6. School Committee Student Representative Report: *NHS student representative will provide the report.*
7. FY27 Budget  
*Mayor Sean Reardon will provide an update on the Mayor's FY27 Budget submitted to City Council.*
8. AI Ad Hoc Committee Update  
*Superintendent Sean Gallagher will discuss recent work completed by the AI Ad Hoc Committee.*
9. Subcommittee Updates
  - a. Finance Subcommittee – *Andrew Boger*
  - b. Policy Subcommittee – *Kathleen Shaw*
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  - d. SEPAC – *Kathleen Shaw*
  - e. NEF – *Lauren Eramo*
10. Superintendent's Report: *NHS Academic Awards, ADL Law & Education Breakfast, NSSRT meeting, 2026-2027 School Choice Update, Skills Capital Grant Submission, and School Quality Measures (SQM) Update*
11. Student Recognitions  
*Two high school seniors, Cassidy Bolcome and Maddie Jackman, will be recognized for their dedication and leadership in providing a student voice as the high school's student representatives to the School Committee.*
12. New Business
13. Executive Session – Vote  
*for the purpose of discussing possible litigation and/or legal matters, and will not reconvene in Open Session.*

\* possible vote

### **FYI: Upcoming Dates:**

- ✓ NHS School Council meeting: Tuesday, May 12 @ 5:00PM
- ✓ Nock School Council meeting: Friday, May 15 @ 8:15AM
- ✓ Superintendent's Advisory Committee meeting: Tuesday, May 19 @ 6:30PM
- ✓ Teaching & Learning Subcommittee meeting: Wednesday, May 20 @ 9:00AM
- ✓ Finance Subcommittee meeting: Thursday, May 21 @ 8:30AM
- ✓ Memorial Day – no school: Monday, May 25
- ✓ Scholarship Awards Night – Wednesday, May 27 @ 7:00PM
- ✓ Bresnahan School Council meeting: Tuesday, May 26 @ 8:10AM

# School Committee

## Warrant(s)

May 13, 2026

Warrant 8179 FY26	\$ 656,509.34
A-Warrant(s)	\$15,171.27
<b>Total of Warrants:</b>	<b>\$671,680.61</b>

**NEWBURYPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUSINESS MEETING**  
**Senior/Community Center, 331 High Street, Newburyport, MA 01950**

**Wednesday, April 29, 2026**

**CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

Mayor Sean Reardon called the School Committee Business meeting of the Newburyport School Committee to order at 6:32 PM. Roll call found all members present, except John Ricci who arrived late (7:11PM).

**Public Comments:** none

**Warrant**

On a motion by Andrew Boger and seconded by Mayor Sean Reardon it was

**VOTED:** to approve the Warrant in the amount of \$573,225.36 as presented.

Warrant 8176 (FY26)	\$559,794.28
A-Warrant	<u>\$ 13,431.08</u>
	\$573,225.36

**Motion Passed**

John Ricci absent

**Minutes**

**Motion:**

On a motion by Mayor Sean Reardon and seconded by Andrew Boger it was

**VOTED:** to adopt the minutes for the April 8, 2026 School Committee meeting, with a correction to page 5 (New Business: Lauren Eramo attended the MASC Day on the Hill event also).

**Motion Passed**

John Ricci absent

**Student Representative Report:** not presented (see attached)

**FY27 Recommended Budget**

Superintendent Sean Gallagher and Finance Director Ethan Manning presented a recommended total budget of \$47,350,950 for FY27, which is a 3.88% increase to the City appropriation and a 6.25% increase to the total budget over last year. Ethan reviewed areas that are driving increases in FY27, noting that non-personnel expenses increased 24.06% over last year. School Committee members reviewed the detailed FY27 Budget Book, and had the opportunity to ask questions related to each of the cost centers, as well as discuss reserved funds and whether or not to spend down School Choice monies.

**Motion:**

On a motion by Breanna Higgins and seconded by Lauren Eramo it was

**VOTED:** to approve the FY27 Budget by Cost Center (Bresnahan = \$9,421,810, Molin = \$4,289,097, Nock = \$7,181,123, NHS = \$11,536,929 and District = \$14,921,990) as presented for a total of \$47,350,950. (see page 22 of Budget Book)

**Motion Passed (6)**

Mayor Reardon voted present

**School Committee Meeting Schedule 2026-2027**

SC Members reviewed the meeting calendar; no changes were suggested. The Senior Center is holding November 17, 2026 as a possible date for the Joint meeting of City Council & School Committee.

**Motion:**

On a motion by Mayor Sean Reardon and seconded by Lauren Eramo it was

**VOTED:** to approve the 2026-2027 School Committee Business Meeting schedule as presented.

**Motion Passed**

**SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES**

**Finance Subcommittee**

Andrew Boger stated the next meeting will be held on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Policy Subcommittee**

Kathleen Shaw stated they have not met.

**Teaching & Learning Subcommittee**

Breanna Higgins stated they met on April 15<sup>th</sup>. District Health Survey data was discussed.

**SEPAC**

Kathleen Shaw stated the next meeting will be held on May 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM.

**NEF**

Lauren Eramo stated she was unable to attend the recent NEF meeting. Upcoming NEF activities include the NEF Awards night on June 9, 2026 at The Deck, as well as a Mahjong tournament and a golf fundraiser.

**Superintendent's Report**

The Superintendent's report covered the following:

- ❖ Student Performing Arts – Anastasia: The Nock Middle School presented the musical Anastasia on April 9 through April 11<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ National Honor Society Inductions: Both the National Art Honor Society (4/14) and the National Honor Society (4/16) held their annual induction ceremonies recently.

- ❖ MCIEA Governing Board Update: A board meeting was held on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Superintendent Gallagher noted that 2026-2027 Core Practices were reviewed, and Newburyport teachers submitted 55 tasks to the MCIEA task bank.
- ❖ NRYS & Beacon Coalition Asset Builder Awards: Four members of the school community were recognized on April 16<sup>th</sup> at the Asset Builder Awards Ceremony: Mark Cooper, Haley Budden, Lauren Gee and Julie Murray.
- ❖ Math Month Celebration: Students at the Bresnahan and Molin schools celebrated “Math Month”, participating in various exciting interactive activities each week.
- ❖ 2026-2027 School Choice Update: The Superintendent reported that 62 applications have already been received the 2026-2027 School Choice openings.

### **New Business:**

- Mayor Reardon reminded everyone the Peace Prize Awards will be held on Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Kathleen Shaw stopped by the International Cultural Fair happening tonight at the high school. The Superintendent and several School Committee members also attended, and noted the event gets bigger and better each year.
- Kathleen Shaw shared that several community representatives in Newburyport will be involved with various projects over the next year related to the Make It Okay program.
- Kathleen Shaw noted that a student group is applying for an Amazing Newburyport grant to make little tins containing small crocheted items meant for relaxation and/or self-calming.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

#### **Motion:**

On a motion by Mayor Sean Reardon and seconded by Andrew Boger it was

**VOTED:** to adjourn the Business meeting of the Newburyport School Committee at 8:51PM.

**Motion Passed**

Submitted by: Cassidy Bolcome & Ann Pervier

Location: Senior Center

**Bresnahan News:**

We had a fun and engaging Math Awareness Month across the school! Students participated in a weekly estimation jar in the front office, with new challenges introduced throughout the month. Each Friday, the closest estimate earned a prize.

Classes also took part in twice-weekly math challenges, submitting their answers for a chance to earn certificates. It was great to see so many classrooms participating and tracking their progress.

The week before April vacation was Math Spirit Week, featuring themed days like Number Day, Crazy Hair Day, Pattern Day, and Pajama Day.

Students also had the opportunity to complete optional at-home choice boards, earning individual certificates for their efforts. Classrooms explored additional math read-alouds and enrichment activities, adding to the excitement.

Thank you to everyone who helped make Math Awareness Month such a success!

**Molin News:**

Congratulations to Casey Conley and Olivia Lane who will be receiving the Peace Prize Thursday night. The Peace Prize recognizes students for their efforts promoting and supporting a sense of welcome and inclusion, and by working to eliminate prejudice, intolerance, discrimination, and acts of hate in our community.

Our 5th graders are studying the Hydrologic Cycle, Water Sources & the human impact in class and will spend a full day visiting the Newburyport Water (drinking) Treatment Plant; Wastewater Treatment Plant; Little River Nature Trail; and Maplecrest Farm for hands-on experiential learning!

**Nock Middle School News:**

The Nock extends its congratulations to the cast and crew of Anastasia for their tremendous work and dedication. Their efforts have resulted in another incredible production.

Students also express appreciation to the School Committee for its continued support of Nock's experiential learning and place-based education. These programs continue to provide meaningful, hands-on learning opportunities. Most recently, sixth grade students visited Backcountry Tiny Homes, where they explored both a completed tiny home and one still under construction. During the visit, students worked with engineers and engaged in activities that enhanced their understanding of design, construction, and real-world problem solving.

In the classroom, students are preparing for next week's MCAS math assessments. Alongside

academic preparation, there is growing excitement for the upcoming overnight trips for both seventh and eighth grade, which students are looking forward to as valuable educational and community-building experiences.

### **High School News:**

Ten NHS students spent two weeks in the Black Forest at our partner school in Waldkirch with two of their teachers. They lived with German families, and had a great time learning all about life in Germany!

The Global Citizenship Program's 4th Annual International Cultural Festival is tonight. Students in the class organized and will run the festival. From completing a Food Safety Permit, soliciting six restaurants to participate; to writing a press release used by the Daily News and other news agencies. Students secured \$3500 in grants to help pay for tonight's event which is free to the public. There will be a variety of student presentations, hands-on activities. Indigenous crafts people, Art exhibits, cultural foods and a live world music concert. This has been an incredible journey and achievement by the students that makes for one of the strongest connections between our school, and the community at large. We would like to thank the NEF, The Awesomeness Foundation and the PTO for their support of this event, and in support of Global Citizenship education.

## **College and Career Support – Newburyport High School**

Newburyport High School offers a comprehensive, multi-year school counseling program designed to support all students through the college search and application process. Beginning in junior year, students receive structured guidance through classroom-based lessons during Onward Block, small group meetings in the College and Career Center, and individual counseling appointments. These supports include college exploration, application planning, essay development, and postsecondary decision-making.

In addition to individual counseling meetings, the School Counseling Department provides a comprehensive range of structured programming to support students throughout the college and career planning process. These include:

- Junior workshops focused on college search, application preparation, essay development, and Common Application guidance
- Senior workshops focused on application completion, essay support, and Common Application guidance (offered in September and October)
- Financial aid and FAFSA information sessions for students and families
- College representative visits hosted at the school, with 96 colleges visiting between September 16 and November 24 this year; all visits were held in person, and 584 juniors and seniors attended (many attending multiple sessions)
- Annual College and Career Fair with over 130 College and Community Partners and 52 other area high schools invited to attend.
- Ongoing access to SchoolLinks and College Guidance Network to support college research, planning, and application tracking

### **Additional programming includes:**

- Peterson School (trades program) informational sessions
- ROOT Culinary Training Program information session
- Gap Year program information session
- After School College & Career Help Sessions
- College Search and Application Support Sessions during Clipper Blocks in the spring
- College Affordable Bridge to Equity meetings supporting financial aid access for students eligible for free/reduced lunch
- “Get Smart About Credit” presentation for all seniors (Institution for Savings)
- Signal Success training for Internship Seminar students each semester
- January Jumpstart events for juniors and families, including college planning night with a college admissions panel, as well as our mock admissions webinar, scholarship workshops, ASVAB career exploration testing, and Northern Essex Community College application days
- Credit for Life Fair at Salem State University for all juniors (sponsored by Institution for Savings)
- Summer College Application Boot Camp (Wednesdays in August)

- Nock Middle School transition support, including Career Speaker Days, College Campus Tours days for each grade, and course selection presentations for eighth grade students
- Senior survey to collect postsecondary plans and alumni contact information\*

\*Feedback from the Class of 2025 senior survey indicated that more than half of graduating seniors utilized the College and Career Center for support during their senior year.

### **Additional Information Addressing Other Points**

- Counselors maintain consistent communication with students and families and prioritize individualized support throughout the college planning process. While counselor caseloads can vary nationally and sometimes present challenges across the field, our school counselors serve an average caseload of approximately 200 students, which is below the national average and supports more frequent and meaningful student contact.
- All counselors require multiple meetings for students to meet with them to review their post secondary plan (including their junior and senior year). Conversations around post-secondary planning begin at the end of freshman year to discuss courses they are interested in and continue to evolve into their senior year. College and Career Readiness activities have been added into the Onward Block curriculum.
- In addition to regularly meeting with their assigned school counselor, students also have the option to schedule appointments at any time with the College and Career Counselor for more targeted support with college planning, applications, and postsecondary exploration.
- It is also important to note that classroom-based supports, such as college essay instruction in English courses, are designed to complement—not replace—the broader counseling program. Students are encouraged to seek feedback and guidance through multiple avenues, including school counselors, teachers, and writing support resources.

We recognize that the college admissions process can feel overwhelming, and we continuously review and refine our programming to best meet student needs. However, the assertion that students must rely on outside resources to successfully navigate this process does not accurately reflect the range and accessibility of support available to all students at Newburyport High School.

Having a dedicated School Counselor serving as our College and Career Counselor—and coordinating many of these efforts—has enabled us to expand our offerings with new events, programs, and initiatives that support students in developing flexible postsecondary plans.

### **Onward Block Curriculum Examples**

Newburyport High School’s school counseling program curriculum is also embedded into Onward Block. College & Career Counseling (CCC) curriculum lesson examples are noted below:

#### [Grade 11 Lesson Slide Deck](#)

- Slide 7 - A Message to My Future Self - [9/25 My future self slide deck](#)
- Slide 8 - PSAT Preparation - [10/2 PSAT Preparation](#)

- Slide 9 - Networking Lesson - [10/16 Building and Practicing Networking Skills](#)
- Slide 11 - Importance of Post-Secondary Planning - [Importance of Onward Block](#)
- Slide 13 - Resume - [12/4 Resume Building](#)
- Slide 15 - Senior Year Course Selection - [1/8 Course Selections - Junior Year](#)

#### [Grade 12 Lesson Slide Deck](#)

- Slide 6 - Planning for your future - [Understanding Your Post-Secondary Options Lesson Plan](#)
- Slide 8 - FAFSA and CSS profile - [10/2 - FAFSA and CSS Profile](#)
- Slide 10 - Financial Aid and Exploring Alternative Pathways - [11/13 Career or Gap Year Info Session](#)
- Slide 18 - Gratitude letters - [2/5 12th Grade Gratitude Letter to a Teacher](#)



# **NPS**

## **AI Ad-Hoc**

### **Committee**

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**Overview**

# Purpose & Goal

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The Newburyport Public Schools AI Ad-Hoc Committee will serve to advise the district on the purposeful, ethical, and equitable use of artificial intelligence.

**At the end of the study period, the Committee will submit a draft Guidance document to the School Committee.**

## **A multidisciplinary team of stakeholders.**

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A group of 20 parents, administrators and teachers will meet throughout the spring to examine current practices, define guiding principles and create recommendations for the School Committee.

# Guiding Principles

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***The NPS Portrait of a Graduate (PoG) vision is to provide students with the skills, knowledge and mindsets so they can become:***

- literate across all disciplines,
- creative, collaborative problem solvers,
- socially & emotionally well,
- civically engaged and
- prepared for life after graduation.

This vision guides our decision-making and strategic planning. Any change in instructional approach or operational practice reflects an intentional decision to help us meet our PoG vision.

**As we consider the appropriate and responsible use of AI, the PoG vision will continue to serve as a guide.**

We understand that the rate of technological change and development means that decisions around appropriate and responsible use will need to be considered on an ongoing basis.

To support responsive and flexible decision making, a set of principles will guide our decisions.

***The AI Advisory Group will develop these principles.***

# Draft Principles

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**Safety & Security:** Protecting the safety and security of our students and staff is our top priority. AI tools/products should protect data privacy, school security, and student safety.

**Schools are a "Real World" Bridge:** AI products are impacting our personal and work worlds. Students should learn how AI tools/products work and how to critically and ethically use them.

**A Human-First Framework:** We value human-to-human interactions in the learning experience. AI tools/products should not substitute for connections among students, staff and parents.

**Evaluation of AI Products will be Ongoing:** AI technology and AI tools are evolving quickly, so decisions about appropriately and safely using AI products will be adaptable and ongoing.

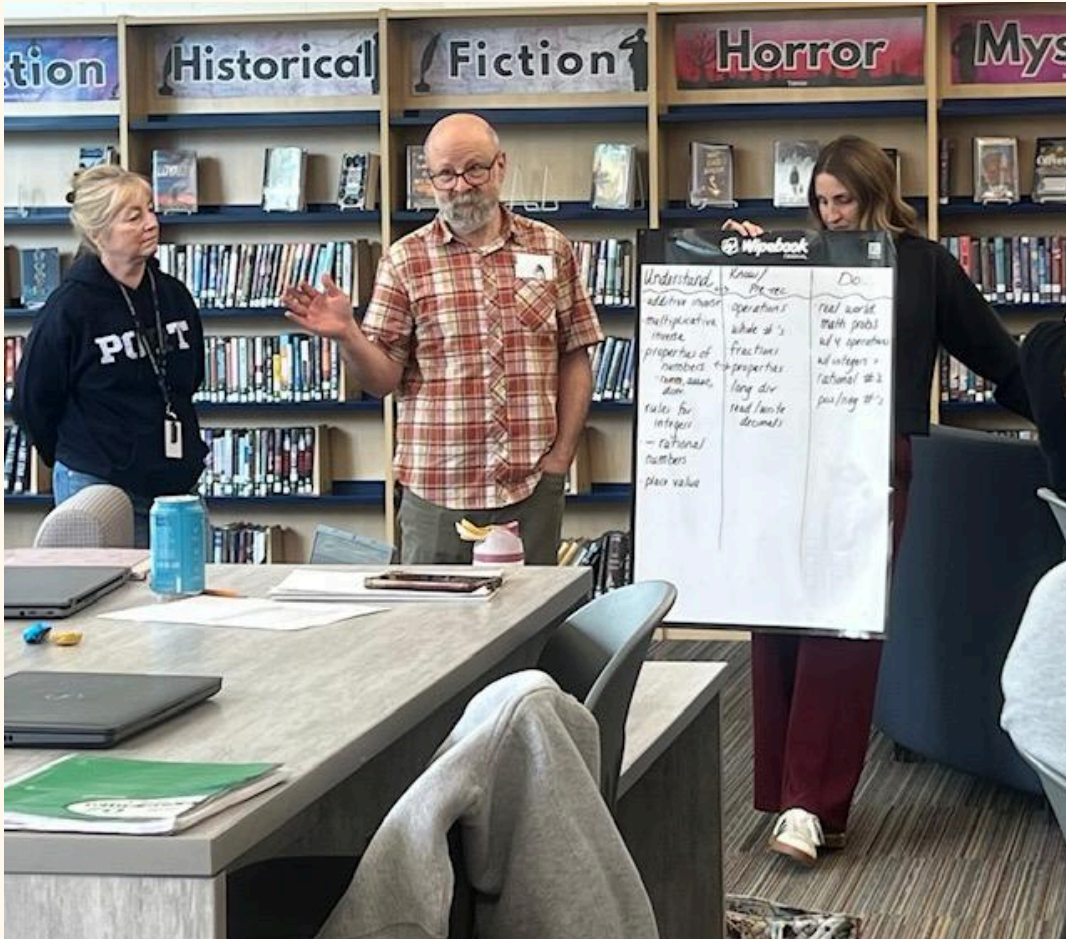
**Areas of Guidance** – *our goal is to provide guidance to the District in the following four areas:*

<b>Ethical Practices</b>	Developing practical guidance on academic honesty, data privacy, and operational use of AI.
<b>Teaching &amp; Learning</b>	Exploring how AI tools positively impact teaching and learning. Provide examples of possible use cases and/or prohibited use guidelines.
<b>AI Literacy</b>	Identifying skills students need at different grade levels to ensure they graduate as competent, thoughtful and creative users of AI.
<b>Professional Development</b>	Recommending guidelines to ensure administrators, faculty and support staff can effectively select and use new tools.

School Committee  
May 13, 2026

# Superintendent's Report

5/8/26 Nock Math Teachers Sharing Out During Early Release PD



## Newburyport High School Academic Awards

The High School held their 68th Academic Awards night on May 6th. The academic bronze key awards went to students that have made the honor roll three times, silver key awards went to students making the honor roll five times, and gold key awards are given to seniors that have been on the honor roll seven semesters. In addition to awards, several senior speakers reflected back on their hardships and successes throughout the last four years. All in all, it was a great community event.

## ADL 2026 Essex County Law & Education Day Breakfast

NHS Staff member Brandon Sturma, NHS students and I attended the ADL New England 2026 Essex County Law and Education Day on May 7th. There were approximately 250 students, educators, local / state officials and law enforcement personnel. The ADL breakfast was to honor Ms. Michelle de la Guardia from The Governor's Academy, the Beverly Police Chief John G. LeLacheur and Melissa Kaplowitch former Chair of the North Shore Advisory Committee for all of their work in addressing hate and antisemitism. This was a wonderful event with some powerful speakers such as David Shirbman, American Author and Journalist, and Attorney General Andrea Campbell. The messaging from all the speakers was that we need to stay together and stand up to hate as a community.

## North Shore Superintendents' Roundtable (NSSRT)

The NSSRT meeting with other area superintendents was held at Danvers High School. The agenda included but was not limited to a presentation from Essex County District Attorney Paul Tucker focused on recent public safety trends on the North Shore. In addition, DA Tucker also provided the group a lot of work his office is doing working with the youth on the North Shore providing educational programming in the areas of substances, cyber bullying, social media to name a few. He also has been presenting to North Shore district parents / caregivers regarding the social host laws and underage drinking. After DA Tucker's presentation there were NSSRT committee reports which included but not limited to Executive Committee, Professional Development Committee, REDI Task Force and Legislative Committee Report. We also heard from the Special Education Working Group regarding shared transportation.

*DA Paul Tucker Social Host Law Website Link:*

<https://www.essexcountyda.com/public-service-announcements>

## 2026-2027 School Choice Update

See attached Chart (2026-2027)

## Skills Capital Grant Submission

I am pleased to inform the School Committee that Newburyport Public Schools has officially submitted a competitive application for the Massachusetts Skills Capital Grant, requesting approximately \$3.1 million to advance our vocational and technical programming. This ambitious proposal focuses on a transformative overhaul of our facilities at Newburyport High

School, specifically targeting the modernization of our Science and Engineering labs to meet rigorous industry standards. If awarded, these funds will allow us to acquire state-of-the-art equipment, providing our students with the high-tech tools necessary to master competencies in high-demand, high-wage technical fields. This initiative is a cornerstone of our long-term vision to expand Chapter 74 Pathways, ensuring our graduates are uniquely prepared for the Commonwealth's evolving workforce. We have reached out to our legislative partners to advocate for this project and will keep the Committee updated as the review process progresses.

*Skills Capital Grant Information Link:*

<https://www.mass.gov/news/governor-healey-announces-70-million-to-expand-career-technical-education-at-28-schools-add-2500-seats>

### Massachusetts Consortium for Innovative Education Assessment / School Quality Measures

Building on our successful partnership, the district is now entering its second year of collaboration with the Massachusetts Consortium for Innovative Education Assessment (MCIEA). A key component of this work is the implementation of the School Quality Measures (SQM) framework, which provides a holistic, data-driven view of our schools beyond traditional standardized testing.

Our annual School Climate Survey is currently active and open to all administrators, teachers, instructional assistants, and students in grades 4 through 12. We have expanded student participation this year to include grades 4 and 5, incorporating their perspectives into our district data. Once the administration window closes, MCIEA will synthesize and organize this feedback to provide actionable insights for our leadership teams this summer. Our extended leadership team will dedicate a full day of our summer retreat to a data workshop facilitated by an MCIEA representative to analyze these survey results. As we move into our third year, we will launch a parent and caregiver survey and begin developing our official School District Dashboard utilizing the full suite of SQM data.



## 2026 Essex County Law & Education Day

May 7, 2026

### Program

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#### **Mimi Lemay**

Chair, ADL North Shore Advisory Committee

#### **Bonnie Michelman**

Chair, ADL New England Regional Board

#### **Samantha Joseph**

Regional Director, ADL New England

#### **Andrea Campbell**

Attorney General of Massachusetts

#### **Jim Rudolph**

Co-Chair, ADL Director's Cabinet

#### **David Shribman**

American Author and Journalist

#### **Rabbi Alison Adler**

Temple B'nai Abraham, Beverly, MA

#### **Chief John G. LeLacheur**

Beverly Police Department

#### **Peter Quimby**

Head of School  
The Governor's Academy

#### **Michelle de la Guardia**

Dean of Community & Belonging  
The Governor's Academy

#### **Andy Caplan**

Co-Chair, Law and Ed Day Committee

#### **Melissa Kaplowitch**

Immediate Past Chair  
North Shore Advisory Committee

#### **Lesley Dever**

Vice Chair, North Shore Advisory Committee and  
Co-Chair, Law and Ed Day Committee



## 2026 Essex County Law & Education Day

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Arnie Cowan  
Michael Weilheimer

## SCHOOL CHOICE SUMMARY 2026-2027

GRADE	MAX # SLOTS APPROVED	# APPLICATIONS RECEIVED	ACTUALLY ENROLLED	# Applicants Withdrawn or did not enroll	Left on Waiting List	SLOTS LEFT UNFILLED	COMMENTS
6	5	18			13	0	
9	15	36		2	19	0	
10	5	13		1	7	0	
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>0</b>	