



MALDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Principal

Salemwood School

**Salemwood School
School Council (Virtual)
2025-2026**

Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 5pm

Google meet: meet.google.com/fwn-cqua-kad

Agenda Items:

1. Introductions/Check in
2. Public Comment
3. Principal's Report
 - School Improvement Plan
4. Closing

Attendance: Kathleen McGourthy, Jessica Nadeau, Iliana Rivera, Kristen Reidy

Notes:

-School Improvement Plan- ILT team meeting tomorrow to finalize SIP and zoning in on effective strategies.

-Attendance for students (10% attendance rate); concerns also on staff attendance.

-Jessica states that times has changed- sickness is seen differently; her sister is a teacher and does not take time off.

-Excused absences is still absence on learning for the child; schedule am/pm medical appointments

-Iliana said the Walking bus campaign/Safe Routes with School Committee member, Peter Piazza to have the walking bus in the beginning of the year; we have the bike path; Walk/Bike and Roll does it 4-5 times a year

- ParentSquare- Iliana loves ParentSquare-email is so fast; message/text to teachers are really helpful-caregivers need to update phone numbers and emails; end of the week sends a re-cap;

-Translator calls- unblocked number so often times families won't pick up

- Kathleen-new student has a person walk the families through protocol, screen them, tour, orientation

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- Jessica as caregiver- would love a map of the school- school is so big; map of drop off for students;
 - Next steps: Chromebook night for middle school; student ambassador to give tours; Open House in gym-have tables
 - Kathleen- Gr 6 Multicultural event brings in alot of caregivers; focus parent/teacher night where there are project base/student work to share
 - Iliana would love district to have PD on teacher burnout; PD on behavioral management to help students; Teachers should try strategies before calling Admin
 - PBIS- can we share info on that with caregivers at the beginning of year for caregivers; reframing things for students. Students earn shark baits- buy in