

UPDATE FROM THE NMRSD SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE APRIL 2, 2018

MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAIR

YOU ARE INVITED TO MEET THE FOUR SUPERINTENDENT FINALISTS

The NMRSD School Committee values feedback from our parents and the community as we work towards selecting our next Superintendent of Schools. The Superintendent Search process is now down to 4 finalists. Those finalists will be touring the district on Monday, April 2nd, and Tuesday, April 3rd before interviewing with the School Committee in the evening. There will be two candidates each day with opportunities for meeting each one in an informal setting. Please fill out the evaluation form after each finalist's session so that the School Committee can receive your feedback on the candidates. The sessions will be held at the high school in the cafeteria annex behind the main stairs.

The schedule is as follows:

Parents/Guardians and Community	Monday 6:45 pm Heather Wilmot
	Monday 7:45 pm Kathleen Burnham
	Tuesday 6:45 pm Marie Altieri
	Tuesday 7:45 pm Brad Morgan

Thank you in advance for your time and interest.

Randee Rusch

NORTH MIDDLESEX REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The next meeting of the NMRSD School Committee will be held on Monday, April 2, and Tuesday, April 3, 2018; at North Middlesex Regional High School at 7:00 p.m. Agenda items include the following:

Monday, April 2, 2018

5:30 - 6:00 p.m. School Committee preparation for interviews
6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Interview with NMRSD Superintendent Finalist Dr. Kathleen Burnham
7:45 - 9:15 p.m. Interview with NMRSD Superintendent Finalist Dr. Heather Wilmot

Tuesday, April 3, 2018

5:30 - 6:00 p.m. School Committee preparation for interviews
6:00-7:30 pm Interview with NMRSD Superintendent Finalist Brad Morgan
7:45-9:15 pm Interview with NMRSD Superintendent Finalist Marie Altieri

NORTH MIDDLESEX REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT

The next meeting of the North Middlesex Regional High School Building Committee will be held on Monday, April 9, 2018; at the high school at 5:00 p.m. Agenda items will be included in a future update.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, April 2nd and Tuesday, April 3rd, Spaulding Memorial School Kindergarten Registration
Thursday, April 5th, Hawthorne Brook Middle School Art Show Reception, Townsend Public Library, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

THE SCREENING BRIEF INTERVENTION AND REFERRAL TO TREATMENT PROGRAM

In compliance with MGL Chapter 71, Section 96 and 97, North Middlesex Regional School District will be conducting verbal screenings of students in grades 7 and 9 related to the use of alcohol, marijuana and other substances using the Screening Brief Intervention and Referral Treatment (SBIRT) program. The goal of this program is to let students know that school staff is available to reinforce healthy decisions and to assist them in obtaining support if needed for substance use-related problems.

All screenings will be conducted confidentially by our school nurses in private one-on-one sessions. The district will utilize the CRAFFT II screening tool, which is the most commonly used substance screening tool for adolescents in Massachusetts.

Students who are not using substances will have their healthy choices reinforced by the screener. The screener will provide brief feedback to any student who reports using substances, or who is at risk for future substance use. If needed, the school will refer students to our counseling staff for further evaluation. This program focuses on harm prevention and will not result in disciplinary action. Results of the screening will not be included in your student's school record. The screening is voluntary, and students may choose not to answer any or all of the screening questions.

As with any school screening, you have the right to opt your child out of this screening. The opt-out form is attached. If you decide not to have your child participate in the verbal screening, you will need to send the completed opt-out form to the nurse at your child's school. A parent/guardian informational night is scheduled for April 10th, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at North Middlesex Regional High School to address any questions you may have regarding this screening. You can also contact your child's nursing office with any questions.

The screening schedule is as follows:

Hawthorne Brook Middle School	May 21st to May 24th, 2018
Nissitissit Middle School	May 15th to May 18th, 2018
North Middlesex Regional High School	April 25th to April 27th, 2018

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE HAWTHORNE BROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL CONCERT BAND AND WIND ENSEMBLE

Congratulations to Ms. LaPointe and the Hawthorne Brook Middle School band for their excellent performance at the Massachusetts Instrumental and Choir Association Festival (MICCA). Both the concert band and the wind ensemble received silver awards. Thank you, Mrs. LaPointe, for your dedication to our music program.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NISSITISSIT MIDDLE SCHOOL CONCERT BAND AND SELECT CHOIR

Congratulations to the Nissitissit Concert Band and Select Choir for their excellent performance at the Massachusetts Instrumental and Choir Association Festival (MICCA). The Concert Band received a Bronze Medal and the Select Choir received a Silver Medal. Congratulations to Band Director, Mr. Lanctot as well as Choral Director, Mrs. Wilson for your continued dedication to our music program.