

**UPDATE FROM THE NMRSD SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE JULY 17, 2017**

**NMRSD ACCELERATED REPAIR PROJECTS**

Attached is a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document regarding the Accelerated Repair Projects for Hawthorne Brook Middle School, Varnum Brook Elementary School, and Squannacook Early Childhood Center for your review.

**TOWNSEND SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION**

**Tuesday, July 18, 2017**

Location: Memorial Hall, 272 Main Street, Townsend, MA

Time: 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

For more information, please go to <http://www.townsend.ma.us>.

**NORTH MIDDLESEX REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

The next NMRSD School Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, August 7, 2017; at Peter Fitzpatrick School at 7:00 p.m. Agenda items will be included in a future update.

**NORTH MIDDLESEX REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT**

The next meeting of the North Middlesex Regional High School Building Committee will be held on Monday, August 14, 2017; at Peter Fitzpatrick School at 5:00 p.m. Agenda items will be included in a future update.

The NMRHS administration offices have been moved to the new high school site as of Friday, July 7, 2017. The administration suite is the only area that can be accessed at this time for new student registrations, transcripts, and working papers. The direct phone numbers for North Middlesex Regional High School have been successfully migrated to the new high school. Final steps for administrator and summer high school staff phones will be completed on Monday, July 17th. In the event you cannot reach the high school, please call Superintendent Landers directly at 978-597-8713 ex. 1201.

Thank you for your patience during the final stages of phase 1 construction. We are very excited to welcome our new and returning students to our new educational facility.

Please reference the map attached to this message for directions to access the high school administration offices during the summer months.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>TIME</b>
Thursday, August 24	Class of 2018: New Building Walk Through	Time: 9:00 am - 9:45 am
Thursday, August 24	Class of 2019: New Building Walk Through	Time: 9:45 am - 10:30 am
Thursday, August 24	Class of 2020: New Building Walk Through	Time: 10:30 am - 11:15 am
Thursday, August 24	Class of 2021: Freshman Orientation	Time: 12:15 pm - 2:00 pm
Wednesday, August 30	First day of classes for students	Grades 1 - 12

### **MESSAGE FROM HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL MR. TAYLOR**

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Cameron Fisk as our new NM Athletic Director. Mr. Fisk is known by his colleagues as a passionate, hardworking and committed professional. He played football and basketball at the collegiate level. Since graduating, he has spent ten years in a variety of roles including health teacher, tournament organizer, camp director, varsity-level coach, and a K-8 athletic director. Mr. Fisk has continued his education with advanced coursework in both Sports Management and Educational Leadership.

Mr. Fisk is very excited to bring his enthusiasm and experience to NM and officially become a Patriot this summer. He looks forward to meeting and interacting with student-athletes, coaches, parents, teachers, and community members alike!

### **IMPORTANT SOCIAL MEDIA ALERT FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS**

District Administration wants to make you aware of a concerning social media game, The Blue Whale Challenge that can be accessed by pre-teenagers and teenagers, our most vulnerable population, throughout the country.

On May 25, 2017, USA Today reported on how The Blue Whale Challenge works in the following statement, "Over the course of 50 days, an anonymous administrator assigns kids self-harm tasks. The challenges may start by asking kids to watch a scary movie and then grow increasingly dangerous to include acts like cutting. On the 50th day, the participant is supposed to commit suicide. The game can reach kids through social-media channels like Instagram, Snap Chat, YouTube, and texting."

The administration is recommending that parents/guardians ask their students if they have heard of any new games/challenges that are being played through social media.

The purpose of this notification is to partner with all in our school community to keep our students safe during the summer months and throughout the school year.