



We Are **NM**

NMRSD Update Saturday, September 12, 2020

From the Central Office...

Breakfast & Lunch Procedures

Whitson's plan of service has been modified to eliminate all self-serve and cooked to order items as we begin the school year. Our goal is to minimize contact and practice all CDC guidelines. There will be two options for lunch:

Option 1

Whitsons has individually plated meals and sandwiches that will be sent home frozen, these can be heated in the oven or microwave;

OR

Option 2

A cold sandwich. Lunches will be distributed to students in school before they leave.

Breakfast will be a grab-n-go kit specifically designed with all the components including a milk. Each school will have the cafeteria open for students when they enter the building in the morning, no pre-ordering is needed, check with your school for the hours.

The USDA has given approval for North Middlesex School District to serve free meals to **all** students 18 years old and under until December 31, 2020 (as long as it is legally and financially feasible for the USDA to do so).

You MUST pre order your meals for both in school learning and curbside pick up. Please fill out a form for each student, requests need to be made the day before.

Links on the District Website in Food Services

- Breakfast and Lunch Menus: <https://www.nmrtd.org/FoodServices>
- Curbside Pick Up Meal Request Forms - For REMOTE students, pick-up will be at Varnum Brook Elementary School or North Middlesex Regional High School ONLY. Both breakfast and lunch can be ordered. The pickup schedule is on the form: [Curbside Pick-up Meal Request Form](#)
- School Lunch Request Forms- There is a separate form to pre-order lunch for Hybrid students in school.

Please access the pre-order form on the right hand side of the page (There is a SEPARATE form for each school):

<https://www.nmrtd.org/FoodServices>

Note: Parents can use this same form for students who are staying after school for the internet cafe or extended day program. This will ensure they get a heated meal if requested to be served in the café at lunch.

If you child has allergies or food sensitivities please refer to the FD MealPlanner on the Food Services page.

Contact Michelle Curran for any concerns at: curranms@whitsons.com

Dee Bus

One of the more challenging aspects of our return to school is bussing and usually the first couple weeks are a challenge under normal circumstances. Dee Bus has been hard at work since families have chosen hybrid or remote. They have been revising routes, ensuring that each run is able to accommodate physical distancing mandates, and making sure both hybrid cohorts are taken care of.

Routes are now posted on the district website, but please understand that they are a work in progress and we would appreciate any patience that can be

extended during our first 1-2 weeks as modifications will likely be made along the way.

Attendance

Student attendance is not only critical to the success of students, but is also a critical factor in state accountability, which directly impacts funding that we receive.

If a student who is registered for “HYBRID” is called out sick per the student handbook, based on the student's symptoms, the student may participate remotely and the student will continue to be marked “PRESENT.” However, please keep in mind that if this becomes a regular occurrence and there is a waitlist for students who would like to move from remote to hybrid, students who have attendance issues in the hybrid model will be moved to remote.

Thank You

I would like to thank former school committee member Will Hackler for his generous donation of 100 adjustable and reusable masks that will be put to good use and made available to students in the district.

Facility Use

For the foreseeable, all future INDOOR facility use will be suspended. I realize this may create an inconvenience, but I do need to limit traffic in our buildings while ensuring that the workload of our facilities department remains doable. If circumstances change for the better, I will revisit this.

Tentative Superintendent Coffees

All coffees will be held virtually on the following dates and times:

Tuesday, September 22nd	9am
Tuesday, October 20th	4pm
Tuesday, November 17th	9am
Tuesday, December 15th	4pm
Tuesday, January 12th	9am
Tuesday, February 9th	4pm
Tuesday, March 9th	9am
Tuesday, April 13th	4pm
Tuesday, May 25th	9am

Invitations will be sent out the day before the meeting. When possible, both the Assistant Superintendent and Director of Student Services will be in attendance.

MCAS

At this point, the 2021 MCAS is still scheduled to occur in the spring. The Commissioner of Education, Jeff Riley, has said that in order for the MCAS to be cancelled, the United States Secretary of Education must first waive state assessments at the federal level and then it must be approved by the state legislature.

Attachments

SEPAC Card Fundraiser

North Middlesex SEPAC Cards for a Cause Fund raiser!



NM SEPAC is partnering with Cards for a Cause to sell a box of 30 birthday, holiday or thank you cards for \$30. That is \$1 per card compared to the average price of a card in the store at \$6!

A portion of each sale will go to NM SEPAC and will be used to obtain informative speakers for parents, like the one we just hosted, Elise Wulff, from MGH/Aspire. NM SEPAC (Special Education Parents Advisory Council) is a group that helps to inform and serve the families of North Middlesex school district as an adviser on matters that pertain to the education and safety of students with disabilities with the district.

Your support for our fund raiser is greatly appreciated!!! To view the cards and place your order, please click on the link below. Orders must be placed by Wednesday September 30, 2020. Orders are estimated to arrive within 2 weeks of the sale completion. For any questions, please contact nmrsdsepac@gmail.com.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScL_BB-XCHRryV67gGR0qqRmvPDvx1VV3JkWNQxGN0Dd7U-Wg/viewform

Please note these cards cannot be shipped to your home due to the high cost of shipping so we will have a pick up date and time in the NM area to be determined.