



NMRSD Update
Friday, June 18, 2021

I would like to thank our students and parents/caregivers for all the support we have received over the past school year. I would also like to thank the amazing NM staff who went above and beyond to learn virtual platforms and routinely teach students both at home and in class simultaneously. Their support allowed NM to be one of the first districts in the Commonwealth to return to full in-person learning in grades K-12 on April 5th. I think we can all say this year was substantially more challenging than most, but NM rose to the occasion, and we made it!!!

With that, I would like to wish everyone a great summer and hope that you can find some time to relax and unwind. I will keep everyone abreast of what the start of the 2021-2022 school year will look like once I receive additional information from the state, but at this time, it appears that neither masks nor physical distancing will be required.

Take care and stay healthy!!!

Congratulations

- NM alum Chris Alfond (Ashby - Class of 2016) competed in the 10,000 meters at NCAA Division I Cross Country Championships in Eugene, Oregon, last week. Chris had an outstanding performance coming in 20th overall in the nation.

Chris is a Men's Cross Country/Track & Field team member for the University of Massachusetts Lowell River Hawks. Chris graduated from NMRHS and left with a list of impressive accolades, which included; serving as Captain of Cross Country & Indoor/Outdoor Track, Cross Country & Outdoor Track League All-Star, Worcester Telegram & Gazette

Cross Country All-Star, Lowell Sun Cross Country All-Star, and Midland Wachusett League B Cross Country Champion. In addition, he served as a Massachusetts Association of School Committee (MASC) delegate, CDMASC Vice President, and was Student Council President.

His proud mom, Michele, works at the Spaulding Memorial School.

NMRSD ESSER III Funding Input

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, was enacted on March 11, 2021. The ARP Act provides additional funding for school districts to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Education portion of ARP is known as the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER III or ARP ESSER) Fund. The purpose of the ESSER III fund is to support the safe reopening and sustaining safe operations of schools while meeting students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Below is a brief form to gather input from stakeholder groups of anticipated district priorities and seeks feedback around anticipated activities through these funds. The form provides a list of allowable activities districts may use the funding on over the next few years. We ask stakeholder groups (families, students, staff members, community members, etc.) to review the proposed activities and rank preferences for use funds from each group's perspective.

You can read the full scope of requirements here:

<https://www.doe.mass.edu/federalgrants/esser/>

NMRSD received an allocation of \$2,256,671 to be spent through June 2024. Therefore, this will be a multi-year plan for scheduled activities.

Please read each question for additional information. You may access the form here:

[NMRSD ESSER III input form](#)

Thank you for taking the time to review and respond.

The Wall That Heals

"The Wall That Heals" will be located at NMRHS in Townsend, MA, July 1st through July 4th. The "Wall" is displayed 24/7. Volunteers are needed to welcome guests, direct them to the book of names or app, assist with name rubbings, passing out flyers in the educational center, and general assistance. There is a training/ information session at 6 pm Wednesday, June 30th at the High School.

Volunteer at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c44aaad23a2fbc52-thewall>

The visit from the Wall is an excellent opportunity to see a 3/4 scaled replica of the actual Vietnam Veterans War Memorial.

NMRSD Adopt a Spot Program

The NMRSD "Adopt a Spot" Program provides opportunities for companies, civic groups, and community members to adopt a "spot" (island/mulch bed/entryway) to create attractive, welcoming "oases" throughout the District. Adopters agree to invest "sweat equity" to maintain a spot at one of our schools, in return for which an Adopt a Spot sign recognizing the spot's adopter will be installed by the District. Adopters agree to maintain the area for one fiscal year (July-June) during the summer, fall, and spring seasons. Spots are available at all of our schools.

To begin the process of becoming a Spot Adopter, please contact Andrea Royer at 978-597-8713 ext. 1900 to find a spot that suits your interest and discuss guidelines.

Before & After School Care 2021-2022 School Year

NMRSD is excited to be offering an in-house Extended Day Program at Ashby Elementary School, Spaulding Memorial School, and Varnum Brook Elementary School beginning next school year from September 2021 through June 2022 for K-6 students.

NMRSD Extended Day Program hours at each elementary school will be from 7:00 am-9:00 am and in the afternoon from 3:00 pm-4:30 pm or 3:00 pm-6:00 pm.

If you are interested in signing your child up for before or after-school care next year, please email Ms. Anne Cromwell-Gapp at agapp@nmrsd.org.

Please review the [NMRSD Extended Day Handbook](#) here.
(Please note, this is the current draft, and the finalized handbook will be available in August on the website)

Pricing for 2021-2022

Before and After School Care Pricing (per month)

Session	1 day	2 day	3 day	4 day	5 day
AM Session - 7:00-9:00	\$60	\$120	\$140	\$160	\$185
PM Session - 3:00-4:30	\$60	\$120	\$140	\$160	\$185
PM Session - 3:00-6:00	\$100	\$175	\$250	\$325	\$400
Combo A (AM/PM) 4:30 Pick Up	X	X	X	X	\$350*
Combo B (AM/PM) 6:00 Pick Up	X	X	X	X	\$525*

* No additional discounts are offered

*** Each sibling receives a 10% discount (not including Combo A or B)