



NMRSD Update Friday, July 2, 2021

The summer has started off right with a heat wave, so hopefully everyone has had some time to enjoy the pool, lake, beach, or another activity. I hope everyone has a wonderful 4th of July this weekend! In the meantime, I have some news to share:

New NMRHS Assistant Principal

Congratulations to Mr. Shigehito Tanaka who has been named as the new Assistant Principal at NMRHS.

Mr. Tanaka is a graduate of the Boston College Lynch Leadership Academy and he has experience as a Principal in Fitchburg, School Director in Lawrence where he coached and managed mathematics teachers, as well as teaching experience in Lawrence, Lowell, and Chelsea.

The entire administrative team is looking forward to collaborating with our new team member.

Extended School Year/Summer Enrichment & Masks

With both Extended School Year (ESY) and Summer Enrichment commencing on Tuesday, July 6th, mask-wearing will be optional for all staff and students. Please be sure to do whatever you are most comfortable with during these programs.

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 of 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](#)

This survey will be closing on Friday, July 9, 2021. Thank you for all that have completed this from our most recent update.

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)