



NMRSD Update Monday, October 4, 2021

REMINDER - NMRSD Organizational & Facilities Review-Collins Center

Last week, I sent information on two opportunities to provide input to the Collins Center as they continue their analysis of cost-savings alternatives for our District. I wanted to send a quick reminder to register for the engagement sessions if you are interested in participating:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NMRSDforumregistration>

These online sessions are intended for active participation, so registrants will be expected to participate by audio and video and be engaged in the discussion. The registration is now open and will remain so until next Friday, October 8th. Unfortunately, space is limited for these sessions.

If you are unable to participate or prefer to provide feedback another way, the Collins Center will also be administering an online survey. This survey will be open next Friday, October 8th (it was initially planned to go out this week) and will remain open for the month of October. You can access this survey here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NMRSD-Values>

Thank You

The NM Instrumental Band Program would like to extend their appreciation to Kim Lapointe for hand sewing over 300 band performance masks and bell covers for students in our elementary, middle, and high schools at zero cost to our students. Each mask from start to finish took approximately 10 to 12 minutes of her own personal time. Students are required to use performance masks and bell covers while playing their instruments in school, which they could not have done without all of Kim's hard work! Thank you for all your time and effort. Our students and families are grateful!

Health Services Reminder

We continue to request that families complete the Google form for reporting on vaccination status and interest in our in-school testing programs. The form is

linked here: [NMRSD Student Consent Form](#). If you have not completed the form, please take the time to do so. It only takes a few minutes.

When you complete the google form there is a link to consent with CIC Health. Please make sure that you follow that link and complete your consent with CIC Health for testing.

Some of you have completed the Google form and indicated that you want your child to participate in testing, but you are not showing up in the CIC health database as having provided consent. CIC Health is the program that we are using to manage the testing and legal consent. If you completed the google form but did not sign consent using the CIC health link that was on the form, please go [here](#) and complete the consent form. It takes about 24 hours for your consent to be uploaded into our database.

Please note: No student will be allowed to participate in the Test & Stay program going forward unless consent is completed in the CIC health database. This is a requirement of DESE and DPH.

Important Dates

October 2021

6 Early Release - Professional Development
11 No School - Indigenous Peoples Day

November 2021

2 No School - Election Day - District-wide Professional Development
11 No School - Veterans Day
22 K-8 Early Release - Parent Conferences High School in Session
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24-26 No School - Thanksgiving Recess

Tentative Virtual Coffees

All coffees will be 30-minutes in length and will be held remotely. Please use the link below to join.

Tuesday, October 26th - 4:00 pm (Date Change)

Tuesday, November 16th - 9:30 am

Tuesday, December 21st - 4:00 pm

Tuesday, January 18th - 9:30 am

Tuesday, February 15th - 4:00 pm

Tuesday, March 15th - 9:30 am

Tuesday, April 12th - 4:00 pm

Tuesday, May 31st - 9:30 am

The link for all coffees:

For Video: meet.google.com/vfc-wzau-yem

For Phone: (US) +1 484-416-2706 PIN: 194 998 043#

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.

Fall Parent/Caregiver Information Series

This fall, NMRSD will be offering four (4) parent/caregiver information nights in the Performing Arts Center at NMRHS at 6:30 pm. Please mark your calendars:

Tuesday, October 12th

Navigating the Common Application & Naviance

NMRHS Guidance Team

This presentation will be geared towards current 9th, 10th, and 11th graders' parents/caregivers and their students planning to attend two or 4-year colleges.

Tuesday, October 26th

How to Manage Teen Mental Health

Dr. Dan Rosa

This presentation will be geared towards parents/caregivers of middle and high school students. Dr. Rosa is a veteran clinical psychologist in the Chelmsford

Public Schools and was instrumental in bringing in a K-12 team of clinical psychologists to the district. He has a private practice and has done presentations throughout Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

Wednesday, November 3rd
Internet & Social Media Safety
Katie Greer (klgeer.com)

This presentation will be geared towards all parents/caregivers and students at both the middle and high school levels. As we all realize, technology is unavoidable, and this presentation will help both adults and students better understand the Internet and social media. Katie has done presentations all over the country and has been featured in several national media outlets.

Wednesday, November 10th
How Do We Create Safe & Welcoming Schools for All Students?
How Can We Support Our LGTBQ Students?
Jeff Perrotti

This presentation will be geared towards parents/caregivers of all grade levels. Jeff is a renowned expert in the field of Gender Education - creating a Safe School Climate and the founding director of the Massachusetts Department of Elementary & Secondary Education's Safe Schools Program for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Questioning Students.