



NMRSD Update Friday, November 12, 2021

IMPORTANT School Committee Meeting

Our upcoming school committee meeting on Monday, November 15th will cover some very important topics. Where time may be an issue, the meeting time has been moved up to **6:30 pm**. From 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm, the committee will cover normal business, which will include the October 1 Enrollment Report and the 2021 MCAS Report. Then at 7:30 pm, the Collins Center will share results from the community survey and public engagement sessions and also engage with the school committee to gain its feedback. It is expected that this portion of the agenda will take approximately between an hour and a half and two hours. Members of the public can access the meeting remotely via Zoom. Please click this URL to join.

<https://zoom.us/j/94806117166?pwd=bHhzSkVCYWtEVVIySnlFSXVqQ3prQT09>. Passcode: 623630

Or join by phone: Dial(for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location): US: +1 929 205 6099 or +1 301 715 8592 or +1 312 626 6799 or +1 669 900 6833 or +1 253 215 8782 or +1 346 248 7799
Webinar ID: 948 0611 7166 Passcode: 623630

Vaccine Clinic

The Nashoba Associated Boards of Health will be offering a COVID-19 Vaccination clinic for those families who are interested in having their child vaccinated. The clinic will be offered at HBMS after school hours. You must sign your child up in advance, bring your child to the clinic and remain with them throughout their appointment time. No child will be vaccinated without parental consent. Please see the information below from the NABOH.

If you have any questions, please contact Cathryn Hampson, Supervisor of Health Services at champson@nmrsd.org.

The Ashby, Pepperell and Townsend Boards of Health will be conducting a vaccination clinic for individuals 5-11 years old, in conjunction with the Nashoba Associated Boards of Health and the North Middlesex Regional School District on Nov. 16th from 3-6pm at the Hawthorne Brook Middle School in Townsend. The goal of the clinic is to provide an additional opportunity for vaccinations; those seeking vaccinations can also check with their child's pediatrician and local pharmacies for vaccination opportunities. Vaccination opportunities can also be found by using the State's vaxfinder site: <https://vaxfinder.mass.gov/>

Please use the main entrance of the School to access the clinic and staff will direct you once you enter the building. If your child is not feeling well the day of the clinic please don't attend and masks are required in the building.

THIS CLINIC WILL ONLY ADMINISTER COVID-19 VACCINE – NO FLU VACCINATION APPOINTMENTS ARE AVAILABLE.

Pre-Registration for the clinic is required and we can't accommodate walk-in appointments. Listed below is the link to make an appointment for children 5-11 years old:

5-11 Ages:

<https://home.color.com/vaccine/register/nashoba?calendar=96a5355e-e536-4a83-9d98-a6d111a6c335>

We have a small number of vaccine doses for those individuals who are 12 years old or older in case there are siblings who need to be vaccinated, to make an appointment for those 12 years old or older use the link below.

12+ Ages:

<https://home.color.com/vaccine/register/nashoba?calendar=536e5a01-2719-47fd-8ead-c7862a2e8f89>

The vaccine formulations for these groups are different and can't be interchanged!

Information on the vaccine can be found at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/recommendations/children-teens.html>

Masks are required to enter the school/clinic area.

A clinic to administer second doses will be held on Dec. 7th for 3-6pm at the Hawthorne Brook Middle School.

Rumors Regarding HBMS

It has come to our attention that there are rumors in the community and on social media that HBMS will be closing as a result of the Collins Center Study. Please rest assured that this is not being considered and has not been discussed at any level. This is strictly a rumor that has generated questions from staff, parents, and students. Please remember to review the district website, school committee notes, and the official NM social media accounts for accurate information. If you have additional questions please contact info@nmrsd.org

School Delays & Cancellations

At this time we are awaiting guidance from the Commissioner of Education regarding learning requirements on snow days. That being said, our district will have its share of snow days like other years. As I am sure you understand, calling for a delayed opening or cancelling school due to inclement weather is not an easy decision or one that I take lightly.

When making this type of a decision, I collaborate with our neighboring districts as well as the DPW in each of our member towns.

While I will rarely make the decision the night before (this is New England, and the forecast is often fluid), I will make the call by 5:15 am. Delays and cancellations will be posted on all major television networks and families listed in Aspen will receive a phone call and text message as well.

Usually, the decision is based on whether or not our buses can run safely. With that being said, on the days when the road conditions are less than desirable, I would encourage our students to take the bus. Keeping parents and student-drivers off the road will limit traffic. As a regional district, our students have the benefit of being guaranteed a seat on the bus.

In the end, I realize that regardless of my decision, some will disagree. If by chance a parent or guardian feels it is not safe for their child to go to school on a given day due to inclement weather, that is your prerogative as a parent or guardian and the absence will be excused provided a signed note stating such is brought to the school the next school day. The safety of the students is always the top priority.

Important Dates

November 2021

22 K-8 Early Release - Parent Conferences, High School in Session (full day)
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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, 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.