

WEEKLY UPDATE FROM THE NMRSD SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE APRIL 2, 2017

NM ALUMNI EVENT

On Saturday, April 8th, the Class of 2017 is hosting an NM Alumni Dance in the high school gymnasium from 7:00-11:00 PM. We hope to see all our alumni at this wonderful event and the “last dance” at the old high school.

NORTH MIDDLESEX REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The next NMRSD School Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, April 3, 2017, at the high school at 7:00 PM. Agenda items include the following:

7:00 p.m. Public Hearing on School Choice for the 2017-2018 School Year

There will be a Public Hearing on School Choice for the year 2017-2018 according to Chapter 76, Section 12b, of the Massachusetts General Laws. All interested persons shall be given the opportunity to be heard.

The Policy Subcommittee recommends the school committee adopt the following policy for (1st reading):

- EFCD Meal Charges

The Policy Subcommittee recommends the school committee adopt the following policy for (2nd reading):

- IHA Basic Instructional Program

New Business (discussion and vote)

1. School Lunch Price: The superintendent recommends the committee increase school lunch prices for the 2017-2018 school year.
2. The superintendent and the policy subcommittee recommend that the school committee imposes a one-year moratorium on policy FF Naming of Facilities.
3. Vote to change the contribution rate for group health insurance for employees not represented by a bargaining unit from 80/20 to 75/25, to be effective June 1, 2017.
4. The superintendent recommends the committee vote to approve the amendment to the FLLAC Collaborative Agreement to include the North Middlesex Regional School District as a member of the Collaborative, effective July 1, 2017.
5. To authorize the use of the enrollment at the Squannacook Early Childhood Center as of June 1, 2015, in order to provide an estimated pupil enrollment for the purpose of apportioning debt service related to the building.
6. School Choice Openings 2017 – 2018
7. That the school committee authorized the costs of designing and renovating to the existing maintenance garage facility and the costs of designing and constructing a new athletic artificial turf field.

8. Accelerated Repair Projects: Hawthorne Brook Middle School, Squannacook Early Childhood Center, Varnum Brook Elementary

NORTH MIDDLESEX REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT

The next meeting of the North Middlesex Regional High School Building Committee will be held on Monday, April 10, 2017, at the high school at 5:00 PM. Agenda items will be included in a future update.

Week of 04/03

- Complete vestibule ceiling and porcelain clips in south elevation
- Complete interior storefronts /continue glazing and hardware
- Complete finish paint in D building / installing base in D building
- Working on tasks to complete classrooms in B building
- Complete porcelain wall tile in corridors B-1 and D-1
- MEP rough in auditorium / mechanical space in C building
- Install balance of lockers in B and C building / unload and start installing toilet accessories in D-1
- Complete linoleum corridors in D building 1st floor- prep and start B-2 corridor for linoleum
- Install MEP in locker rooms
- Continue hanging clouds /drywall tape in Commons
- Installing FRP walls in kitchen area
- Start installing ceilings in kitchen and server area
- Place kitchen equipment and start connections
- Prep walls and start finish paint in B-2
- Install ceiling tiles in B building/ both floors
- Continue ceiling grid in C building media center / C building corridor
- Insulation of MEP in all areas
- Installing MEP finishes in B and A buildings - install acid pump in mechanical area
- Continue to install millwork clouds in auditorium / C building
- Continue interior masonry /exterior masonry
- Continue interior and exterior caulking
- Exterior site work north and west elevation
- Complete OH work to complete list in A-1
- Complete flooring at yoga room and start rough flooring gym
- Install carpet tile in D building and B building
- Complete ceiling and lights in media center
- Start air balancing in D building
- Factory startup of water heaters
- Startup balance of RTUs

Thank you to all who attended the two public forums in February and March that provided members of the community with an opportunity to ask questions regarding adding an artificial turf field to the high school building project. The turf field power point from the March 23rd public forum can be accessed on the main page of the district's website.

SNOW DAY SURVEY

I have been asked to distribute a survey regarding ways the district would be able to address the last day of school. Due to vacation plans and family commitments, it is difficult to change the school calendar without preplanning on how to address these issues, as families and staff sometimes plan one year in advance.

I would appreciate hearing feedback from all our stakeholders on this topic; parents/guardians, staff, and students.

Survey link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1zse8WHZkQtofKxUyTVxrMJ9Rq5PLxFFUjxYZIUU539c>

Any changes now or in the future would require the approval of the North Middlesex School Committee as well as our collective bargaining units.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Monday, April 3	School Committee Meeting - ILC	7:00 - 10:00 PM
Monday, April 3	Spring Athletic Athlete/Parent night - Auditorium	6:00 - 8:00 PM
Thursday, April 6	Supt.'s Parent Advisory Council Meeting – Central Office Supt.'s Student Advisory Meeting - Room 14	9:30 - 11:00 AM 6:00 - 7:00 PM

ASHBY 250th SHOW/BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

The 250th show and birthday party celebration will be held on Saturday, April 8 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at Ashby Elementary School. The show will include a review of all that makes Ashby special with music, dance, and video presentations. There will also be special recognition of Ashby's veterans. Please join us to sing happy birthday and help cut (and eat) the 250th cake!

CAMP INVENTION

Camp Invention is coming to Nissitissit Middle School this August! If you sign up by May 1st using the PROMO CODE " DISCOVER 15" you can save \$15.

The program this year is called Launch, and an overview can be seen at the following link:

[Camp Invention Video](#)

The dates and times are as follows:

August 14th-18th from 8:00 am - 2:30 PM

Please contact Branden Judkins with any questions or concerns at bjudkins@nmrsd.org.

NISSITISSIT MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT PARTICIPATES IN DREESAGE4KIDS PROGRAM

North Middlesex is proud of NMS student Tessa H.! She and her horse, Beau (official name is Usela) are participating in a highly selective three-month intensive horsemanship training program in Wellington, Florida. Tessa reminds us all that dreams do come true!

If you would like to learn more about Tessa's experience, please visit her Facebook page for Usela, search teamholloran.

FOR HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS

SAT Prep Math at the Townsend Public Library

Math Prep is two sessions Wednesday, April 5th & 12th 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Registration is required: www.townsendlibrary.org

MESSAGE FROM PROJECT GRADUATION

Our final two meeting dates are Thursday 4/27 and 5/18.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Spring Sports Parent/Athlete Night, Monday, April 3rd, 6:00 PM-8:00 PM in the high school auditorium. There will be a brief athletic department presentation, followed by breakout meetings with the athletic teams. During each meeting, coaches will go over team expectations, rules, schedules, etc.

NM PATRIOT BOOSTER

The NM Boosters are always looking for volunteers for the concession stand and other club related tasks. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, April 12th at 7:00 PM. Please email Patty Collins, President, nmboosters@gmail.com if you are interested in contributing to this wonderful organization.