

UPDATE FROM THE NMRSD SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE APRIL 30, 2018

NORTH MIDDLESEX REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The next meeting of the NMRSD School Committee will be held on Monday, April 30, 2018; at North Middlesex Regional High School at 7:00 p.m. Agenda items are as follows:

PRESENTATIONS

- Building Committee Athletic Alternative Proposal Update
- NMRHS Turf Field Financing Proposal Discussion/Vote

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- The Policy Subcommittee recommends the school committee adopt the following policy for (1st reading): FF-R Criteria and Procedure for Naming School Facilities
- Photovoltaic Subcommittee Update

OLD BUSINESS

1. NMRHS 2018-2019 Program of Studies

The high school administration is seeking approval to include an addition to the approved 2018-2019 Program of Studies Discussion/Vote

2. 2018-2019 School Calendar Recommended Amendments Discussion/Vote

NEW BUSINESS

1. School Lunch Price 2018 - 2019

The superintendent recommends the school committee increase school lunch pricing and food service renewal options for the 2018-2019 school year Discussion/Vote

2. To authorize the superintendent to enter into a three-year lease with \$1.00 buyout with HP financial Service through Massachusetts Higher Ed Consortium Contract (MHEC) #F19 regarding the IP Phone system for the North Middlesex Regional School District. Discussion/Vote

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to convene in executive session pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws chapter 30A, section 21(a)

(2) To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel per MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21(a) (2)

(3) to discuss strategy with respect to and in preparation for collective bargaining with the North Middlesex Regional School District Educational Support Personnel Unit, Teachers Unit, Secretarial Unit, Nurses Association and Custodial Unit.

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 30, 2018; at the high school at 5:00 p.m. Agenda items include the following:

OPM UPDATE

- a) Phase 2 Hazardous Material Update
 - i. Progress Report
 - ii. Review of Cost
 - iii. NMRSD Consultant (Terracon) Report/Update
- b) NMRHS Building Committee Sub-Committee Athletic Alternate Proposal
- c) Construction Progress Photo Report
- d) Review Contractor's Progress Schedule
- e) Review OPM Change Order Log
- f) Review OPM Project Budget

FOSTER CARE CELEBRATION

An event to learn more about foster care is being sponsored by the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families on Wednesday, May 16, 2018, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at St. John's Congregational Church, 1 School Street, Townsend, MA.

CONGRATULATIONS TO HAWTHORNE BROOK BAND AND CHORUS

The HBMS band and chorus students participated in the daylong Junior High School Concert Festival sponsored by the Massachusetts Music Educators Association, Central District (CDMMEA). Congratulations to Ms. LaPointe, Mr. Day and all our students!

CONGRATULATIONS TO HAWTHORNE BROOK ROBOTICS TEAM

The HBMS Robotics team participated in a Botball Regional Tournament on Saturday winning second place in the team alliance category. Congratulations to Ms. Audette and all the students who participated in the competition!

CONGRATULATIONS TO NMRHS PERFORMING ARTS

This past weekend, the cast, crew, and orchestra performed in the musical, *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*. Our talented students and staff delivered a stellar performance for the NM community. Congratulations to our students, Mrs. Blake, Mr. Beliek and Mr. Thompson!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE HAWTHORNE BROOK DRAMA CLUB

The HBMS drama club performed *Things Fall (Meanwhile)* at the Massachusetts Middle School Drama Festival, and the cast and crew of more than 50 students did an outstanding job. The play received a gold medal, and 5 of our students were chosen for individual acting awards. Congratulations to Ms. Moriarty, Ms. Mayo, and our talented students!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, May 1st NMRHS Student Art Exhibit 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 3rd, and Friday, May 4th NMS Production of *James and the Giant Peach* 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 3rd NMRHS Senior Awards from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

SNOW DAY EXTENDED LEARNING PILOT SURVEYS (MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL JANDA)

Thank you for your support of the district's Snow Day Extended Learning Program pilot during this school year. The Snow Day Extended Learning program provided the students of NMRSD with real-time, authentic learning opportunities to replace canceled school days. Teachers provided curriculum-based learning that their students could complete in place of a canceled school day. Assignments were short-term, unit-based or a long-term project equal to multiple days of learning.

Although we firmly believe that the highest form of learning takes place in a classroom with a qualified teacher, support staff or specialist, we also acknowledge that days made up at the end of the school calendar are not of the same quality as those that could be offered with extended learning

opportunities. Students in the twenty-first century will likely have at least one online class in college, and many will be preparing for employment set in a work-from-home environment. The extended learning opportunities help build a foundation for this type of learning and work production for the students of North Middlesex.

In order to help the committee make a recommendation to the School Committee about the Snow Day Extended Learning Program going forward, we are asking all district parents and staff to complete a brief survey about their experience with the pilot program this year to help guide our future recommendations. The survey links are below and are specific to each school level, as well as, one for NMRSD staff. You may fill in each survey that applies to your situation. The survey will be open until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 2, 2018. We greatly appreciate your input to help the Snow Day Extended Learning Committee determine recommendations to present to the school committee regarding the continuation of this program.

Preschool Family Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Z5VZCRF>

Elementary Family Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WJHQZKC>

Middle School Family Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZPT6YTR>

High School Family Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Z6XWNB9>

NMRSD Staff Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WHBB3WL>

If you are unable to complete a survey online, please contact Becky Janda at Spaulding Memorial School for a paper copy of the survey.