

UPDATE FROM THE NMRSD SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE JUNE 18, 2018

As I prepare to depart the district on June 30th, I want to personally thank district staff, students, parents/guardians, school committee, town officials, all town departments, and residents in our three communities for all you have and continue to do to support education in North Middlesex. I wish you all much happiness and success in the years ahead. It has truly been an honor to serve as Superintendent of Schools for the past six years.

I wish incoming Superintendent Brad Morgan many years of success in the district.

DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION VISITS NM

On Thursday, June 14th, NMRSD hosted a visit from Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Senior Associate Commissioner, Russell Johnston. Dr. Johnston met staff and students in the district's LEAP Program (Learning Enrichment Autism Program) located at the Peter Fitzpatrick School and also the ACHIEVE Program located at Varnum Brook. Dr. Johnston was in the district to meet students who use AAC (Augmentative and Alternative Communication) devices for communication and classwork.

Thank you to classroom teachers, Lauren Fitzgerald and Tammy Anderson as well as program paraprofessionals and therapists for helping to make this visit possible and a memorable one for our students.

NORTH MIDDLESEX REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The next meeting of the North Middlesex School Committee will be held on Monday, June 18, 2018; at the high school at 7:00 p.m. Agenda items include the following:

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Finance Subcommittee: The Superintendent is recommending an FY2018 budget transfer.

PRESENTATION

1. Hawthorne Brook Middle School ~ School Improvement Plan
2. Nissitissit Middle School ~ School Improvement Plan
3. North Middlesex Regional High School ~ School Improvement Plan

OLD BUSINESS

1. Athletic Field Financing Proposal Discussion/Vote

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of the updated Hawthorne Brook Middle School Handbook for the 2018-2019 School Year. Discussion/Vote
2. Approval of the updated Nissitissit Middle School Handbook for the 2018-2019 School Year. Discussion/Vote
3. Approval of the updated North Middlesex Regional High School Handbook for the 2018-2019 School Year. Discussion/Vote
4. Request to approve conference expenses for school committee member(s) to attend the MASC/MASS Conference being held on November 7, 2018 ~ November 10, 2018. Discussion/Vote

NORTH MIDDLESEX REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT

The next meeting of the North Middlesex Regional High School Building Committee will be held on Monday, July 9, 2018; at the high school at 5:00 p.m. Agenda items will be included in a future weekly update.

The construction project continues at NMRHS, and during the summer the contractors will be working hard to complete the parking, roads, and walkways at the front of the building. Due to this ongoing work, access to the high school will be through the side door on the Main Street (Rt. 119) side of the building

(door number 2). Please follow signs to the main office. Access for organized athletic events (e.g., weight training, volleyball clinics) will be through the Proctor Road side entrance (door number 9).

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2017-2018 RETIREES

The North Middlesex Regional School District extends sincere congratulations to our retirees. The positive impact that you have had on the lives of children during your years in the district will long be remembered.

Stephen Coughlan, HBMS

Jodi Dupuis, HBMS

Frank Fernandes, SMS

Melody Danker-Bittner, NMS

JoAnn Davolio, NMS

Donna Hoffman, NMRHS

Jeffrey Maider, VBES

Kim McCarthy, VBES

Karen Turgeon, VBES

Jeanne Wholey, VBES

Catherine O'Dell, SMS

FOOTSTEPS2BRILLIANCE

The Early Literacy Innovation Zone of North Central MA is providing Footsteps2Brilliance®, a comprehensive literacy app, to families with children birth up to 3rd grade for FREE.

The Community Foundation and United Way of North Central MA, along with their partners, have created the first model in the nation for pooling resources to create a birth through higher education ecosystem that unites multiple communities and institutions around early literacy.

The Innovation Zone consists of the following key partners: The Community Foundation of North Central MA, the United Way of North Central MA; FLLAC Educational Collaborative (FLLAC); Fitchburg State University, the cities and towns of Fitchburg, Leominster, Ayer-Shirley, Athol-Royalston, Clinton, Narragansett, Lunenburg, Ashby, Pepperell, Townsend (North Middlesex), Winchendon, Gardner; and Footsteps2Brilliance.

This engaging app will help your child excel at reading and be prepared for school. Sign-up directions are included in the attached flyer.

PEPPERELL COMMUNITY ARTS PRESENTS "INTO THE WOODS"

"Pepperell Community Arts proudly presents, "Into the Woods," Thursday, June 21, Friday, June 22 (7 p.m.) and Saturday, June 23 (2 p.m. matinee & 7 p.m.). Come to the show and enjoy an amazing, talented cast of local young adults and support our neighborhood nonprofit theater at the same time! All tickets are just \$5!"

"Into The Woods" takes everyone's favorite storybook characters and brings them together for a timeless, yet relevant, piece. The story follows a Baker and his wife, who wish to have a child; Cinderella, who wishes to attend the King's Festival; and Jack, who wishes his cow would give milk. When the Baker and his wife learn that they cannot have a child because of a Witch's curse, the two set off on a journey to break the curse. Everyone's wish is granted, but the consequences of their actions return to haunt them later with disastrous results."

This beautiful show has incredible music and thought-provoking moments, ideal for teens and adults. We hope you come to enjoy PCA's modern version of this timeless piece.

Tickets are available at www.pepperellcommunityarts.org.

Music Theater International RATING: PG13 For more information call or text 801-472-4350.

File attachments:

[Summer Reading Challenge Flyer.pdf](#)

[Innovation Zone Flyer.pdf](#)