

UPDATE FROM THE NMRSD SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE JULY 9, 2017

The North Middlesex Regional School District hopes everyone is having a relaxing and peaceful summer vacation. The central office is open daily during the summer months, and the staff is available to assist you with any requests or questions.

NMRSD ACCELERATED REPAIR PROJECTS

Attached is a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document regarding the Accelerated Repair Projects for Hawthorne Brook Middle School, Varnum Brook Elementary School, and Squannacook Early Childhood Center for your review.

ASHBY SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION

Tuesday, July 11, 2017

Location: Ashby Elementary School, 911 Main Street, Ashby, MA

Time: Noon to 7:30 pm

For more information, please go to <http://www.ashbyma.gov>.

TOWNSEND SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION

Tuesday, July 18, 2017

Location: Memorial Hall, 272 Main Street, Townsend, MA

Time: 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

For more information, please go to <http://www.townsend.ma.us>.

NORTH MIDDLESEX REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The next NMRSD School Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, August 7, 2017; at Peter Fitzpatrick School at 7:00 p.m. Agenda items will be included in a future update.

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 10, 2017; at **Peter Fitzpatrick School** at 5:00 p.m. Agenda items include the following items:

- Construction Progress Photo Update
- Review Construction Project Schedule
- Review Project Budget
- Review and discuss Contactors Construction Change Orders
- Review and discuss Designer's Contract Amendments
- Cost of traffic control during construction (SY 2016-2017)
- Update on FF&E costs

The NMRHS administration offices have been moved to the new high school site as of Friday, July 7, 2017. The administration suite is the only area that can be accessed at this time for new student registrations, transcripts, and working papers.

Please reference the map attached to this message for directions to access the high school administration during the summer months.

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Thursday, August 24	Class of 2018: New Building Walk Through	Time: 9:00 am - 9:45 am
Thursday, August 24	Class of 2019: New Building Walk Through	Time: 9:45 am - 10:30 am
Thursday, August 24	Class of 2020: New Building Walk Through	Time: 10:30 am - 11:15 am
Thursday, August 24	Class of 2021: Freshman Orientation	Time: 12:15 pm - 2:00 pm
Wednesday, August 30	First day of classes for students	Grades 1 - 12

IMPORTANT SOCIAL MEDIA ALERT FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

District Administration wants to make you aware of a concerning social media game, The Blue Whale Challenge that can be accessed by pre-teenagers and teenagers, our most vulnerable population, throughout the country.

On May 25, 2017, USA Today reported on how The Blue Whale Challenge works in the following statement, "Over the course of 50 days, an anonymous administrator assigns kids self-harm tasks. The challenges may start by asking kids to watch a scary movie and then grow increasingly dangerous to include acts like cutting. On the 50th day, the participant is supposed to commit suicide. The game can reach kids through social-media channels like Instagram, Snap Chat, YouTube, and texting."

The administration is recommending that parents/guardians ask their students if they have heard of any new games/challenges that are being played through social media.

The purpose of this notification is to partner with all in our school community to keep our students safe during the summer months and throughout the school year.