



NBPS Newsflash

June 2023

Dear Team NBPS,

The sun is brighter, the days are longer, the temperatures are warmer and the flowers are in full bloom. This is my favorite time of the year as we transition from the coolness of spring to the newness and the possibilities of summer. Take a moment and think about your favorite things at this time of year. How do you feel? What makes you smile? What makes you laugh out loud?

Something to consider: beverages: \$30.00; hotdogs: \$25.00; waiting in line: 30 minutes; Fenway tickets (Red Sox / Yankees): A LOT 😬 the feeling you get when your team wins - **PRICELESS**.

I ventured into this passionate community and was embraced by many of you who shared words of wisdom and stories of encouragement 5 years ago. I have valued being part of this vibrant staff who cares deeply and are proud of their work to impact the future. We have braved many challenges during these years together while building relationships within our *sphere of influence* that will last forever. These feelings of connectedness and how we make people feel is what will be remembered.

Thanks to each of you I have seen our students grow and mature into teenagers and young adults. Many of our graduates have pursued their aspirations in the workforce, college and other training programs. They have been recognized for their talents inside and outside of the classroom. We have celebrated with staff as they have gotten married and had children. Many staff have earned advanced degrees and awards over the last 5 years symbolizing the commitment to excellence.

New Bedford Public Schools has made significant growth in several areas including graduation rates and advanced course completion and I am proud of our collective hard work that has gone into expanding our academic programming to accelerate student learning. We have raised overall expectations, made significant capital improvements, and increased academic achievement in many areas, yet it is the relationships that I will remember the most.

I have learned a tremendous amount from many of you and I am honored to have been afforded this unique opportunity to serve as your Superintendent. Although I will be returning to East Hartford (CT), the community where I grew up and started my career as a teacher several years ago, I will hold New Bedford in my heart and I will cherish the relationships I have with you.

Sincerely,

Thomas Anderson
Superintendent



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Employee Spotlight



Kelly Tavares

Nurse

Chas. S. Ashley Elementary School



“Kelly Tavares has been providing top notch nursing care to the students of New Bedford Public Schools since 2018. In her time at Ashley School, Nurse Kelly has worked tirelessly to support the health and well-being of each Ashley student. She is kind, compassionate, communicates expertly with students and families alike, and always takes the extra step in providing comprehensive nursing care in the school setting. These are

the words a parent recently used to describe Nurse Kelly: “Nurse Kelly is wise and skilled, composed and supportive. She is a class-act.”

– Mark Souza, Principal, Chas. S. Ashley Elementary School



Katelyn Miller

Family Engagement Specialist
Wraparound Services



“Katelyn Miller started as a family engagement specialist as we were headed into the pandemic. Even though it was a challenging time Katelyn has not only survived, she has thrived. She has a background in education and a passion for supporting our families and is in the process of obtaining a clinical Master's degree. During her time in the wraparound and family engagement department she has evolved into an essential member of the team. Katelyn is

tremendously creative. She harnesses her creativity to innovate not only the website but the ways in which we are engaging with families. This year she has supported the team in bringing 500 engagement opportunities to families across the district. She brings a fresh perspective to support this team; without which we would be at a great a loss. “

– Nicole Ferreira, Wraparound Services Manager, NBPS

Mentoring and Induction Program Celebration



Mentors and mentees were treated recently to an early dinner by *On The Go Catering* and raffle prize giveaways during their final meeting of the year.

The **Mentoring and Induction Program** is designed to provide structured, purposeful, and systemic support to all new teachers by providing a certified mentor throughout their first year of teaching. The program is committed to developing and retaining high quality teachers to meet the needs of our diverse population.

– Sara Mello, M.Ed., Instrumental Music Teacher
Mentoring and In-



Student Spotlight



Emma Gibney

Junior

New Bedford High School



NBHS Junior Emma Gibney was recently crowned Miss Massachusetts Teen 2023. The 23rd annual competition was held, May 7 at BMC Durfee High School Performing Arts Center. As Miss Massachusetts Teen, she received \$3,000 in scholarships and the pageant's Overall Academic Award.

Emma plans to dedicate her year of community service to her personal initiative, "S.T.A.Y.: Start the Awareness of Young Suicide Prevention." STAY is close to her heart as suicide



has impacted her family. In 2018, her cousin Tyler lost his long battle with mental health and committed suicide.

"He thought taking his own life was the only solution to the pain and suffering that he was feeling at that moment," she said. "I chose Suicide Prevention as my Community Service Initiative because I want other young adults to know

that suicide is not the answer."

Her commitment to community service is evident in her active participation on the Mayor's Youth Council. She is also an excellent student. A member of the Academy of Honors at NBHS, she is enrolled in Advance Placement and Honors classes. A past president of the National Junior Honor Society, Emma is on the Principal's Honor Roll and has received a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Award. Her future plans are to obtain a Bachelor Degree in Marine Biology with the goal of becoming a marine biologist.

Emma is also a gifted athlete. She plays #1 Singles on the NBHS Varsity Tennis team, and was the Southcoast Player of the Week, and a member of the Southcoast All-Star team.



4030B Open Enrollment



Hello Staff,

Anna Brodeur and the Equitable 403b team are available to connect with you via a virtual meeting or in person over the next few weeks to help you with your 403(b)/401(k) benefits *before the next enrollment deadline*. If you want to learn more about how these benefits work alongside your pension, feel free to reach out to Anna, at the contact information below, if you would like to review your account or need to activate it.

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PACE - People Acting in Community Endeavors for over 40 years

It is the mission of PACE to deliver innovative and effective services and programs to members of the Greater New Bedford Community in their pursuit of brighter futures.

VOLUNTEERING WITH PACE

PACE Volunteer Program Mission

The PACE volunteer program will build and expand the rewarding and meaningful volunteer opportunities which support the work of our employees enhancing the services PACE provides to our Greater New Bedford community.

Our programs tackle some of the barriers that often come with earning a low income including early childhood education, food stability, housing, and health insurance.

PACE programs include Child Care Works, YouthBuild - New Bedford, Child Care Voucher Program, Head Start, Housing Opportunity Center, Fuel Assistance, Lead Program, Free Clemente College Course, Free Tax Preparation, Health Insurance Assistance (Health Access), and our Food Bank.

If you are interested in volunteering at PACE, please fill out one of the application forms or emailhelp@paceinfo.org. For further information, please call 508-999-9920 x350.

VOLUNTEER FORMS

[Volunteer \(Individual\)](#)

[Volunteer \(Group\)](#)

NBPS Wraparound Services Event Calendar

June 2023

SNAP & HOUSING

Keith Middle School & NBHS- Tuesdays 1:30pm-4pm

Normandin Middle School- Tuesdays 8am-10am

Roosevelt Middle School-Thursdays 1:30pm-4pm

Hayden McFadden -Tuesdays 10:30am-12:30pm

Gomes School- Thursdays 8am-10am

COMPUTER CLASSES

NBHS-June 7th 10am-12pm

Normandin Middle-Every Tuesday 12-1pm

Roosevelt Middle- June 6th 10am-12pm

Hayden McFadden -June 5th 2pm-3pm

WOMEN'S CENTER OPEN HOURS

Hayden McFadden - June 8th

9am-10am

Gomes School- June 13th

1pm-2pm ON CALL

Jacobs- June 6th

2:30pm-3:30pm

NBHS- June 15th 10:30am-11:30am

Keith Middle School- June 15th

9am-10am

Normandin Middle School- June 8th

10:30am-11:30am

Roosevelt Middle School- June 6th

1pm-2pm

Wraparound Department- 455 County Street, New Bedford, MA

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NBPS Wraparound Services Event Calendar

June 2023

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
29	30	31	1 "I SEE YOU" END OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION! FORT TABER 5PM-7PM	2 HAYMAC DOUGHNUTS WITH DAD 8:30AM-9:30AM HAYMAC CULTURAL NIGHT 4:30-6PM
5 NBHS PROM!	6	7	8 FISS GRADUATION 5PM-7PM NBHS GRADUATION CEREMONY 7PM	9
12 GOMES ELPAC MEETING 10AM- 11AM	13	14 GOMES BBQ 4PM-5:30PM KEITH CAPTAIN'S NIGHT 5PM-8PM	15	16
19  <i>Juneteenth</i>	20 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!	21	22 CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!	23 
26 Wraparound Department- 455 County Street, New Bedford, MA	27 	(508) 997-4511 ext. 14154		

