

# Norwood-Norfolk Central School District Board of Education Update



June 23, 2017

## GRADUATION

This past Saturday we celebrated the Flyers Class of 2017. Our students were honored with over 80 scholarships and many speeches were focused on this class' tight bonds and bright future. The Class of 2017 will be missed. You enhanced our culture and we enjoyed watching you mature and develop into strong & courageous adults. Fly you high!



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## FAREWELL TO OUR CHILDREN

The teachers at NNCS came out for an emotional send-off for our students. We love our students and will miss them. We'll see them all again in September!



## 2017 GRADUATES

Here are a few items of interest regarding our graduates.

- 59.32% are graduating with an Advanced Regents Diploma or Higher.
- 35.59% are graduating with a Regents Diploma.
- 94.91% are graduating with a Regents Diploma or Higher.
- 20.34% are attending a 2-year College
- 54.24% are attending a 4-year College or University
- 3.39% are entering into a branch of the military

## 2016-2017 A YEAR OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

While giving my farewell address to the faculty and staff on the last day of school, I prepared a short list of accomplishments and noteworthy happenings from this past school year. It was a very good year. Here they are, listed in brief bulleted points. (Apologies if I left any out.)

### GRANTS

- This year we managed multiple grants to assist with offering many opportunities for our children: UPK, 4 year old PK, Learning Technology, Extended Day, Wellness, McKinney-Vento, SIG

### ATHLETICS

- Sydney Levison won the Section X Championship and came in 5<sup>th</sup> place in NYS in the 2000 meter Steeplechase
- Golf – Division II Champions
- Baseball – East Division Champions
- Will Livernois won the Sectional Championship in the 400, 800, and was on the 400 meter relay with Brodie Molnar, Riley Haas, and Troy Sweeney. Will also was named the Section X outstanding sprinter.
- Kyle Fulk defended his Section X title in the 1600 and 3200 meter race and teamed up with Will Livernois, Christian McGurdy, and Brodie Molnar to win the 3200 meter relay. He also was named the outstanding distance runner and won the coveted Tim Opdyke Award for Section X. NYS State Cross Country Champion!

### FINE ARTS

- *The Little Mermaid* – What a show!
- High School Band received a Superior rating at the Trills and Thrills Music Festival

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- MS band took Silver at the NYSSMA Majors Festival
- Riley Haas selected for the All-State Symphonic Band!
- Multiple Gold & Silvers at the state Scholastic Art Competition (more than any other North Country School)
- National Scholastic Art Show – two Silver Medals (Skylar and Shelby Vallance)
- Congressional Art Competition – one of our students pictures will hang in the US Congress for a year. (Skylar Fetter)

## CLUBS

- Envirothon Team – enacting change to lessen our carbon footprint – transitioned our elementary cafeteria back to silverware from plastic.
- Student Leadership Training – Spring Athletes
- KeyClub – again recognized as one of the best KeyClubs in NYS at their Leadership Conference
- Our LEGO ALLIES took the regional robotics competition and represented NYS in the World competition in California.
- Most Inclusive School in the North Country – Jostens Yearbook
- Farm to School program – sustainable food source – provides all the salads for our cafeterias
- Student Run Help Desk started this year

## SCHOOL CLIMATE & CULTURE EVENTS

- Senior Walk, Senior Week, evening with the arts, elementary open house, Read to Succeed success, Autism Awareness week, Claire’s Fitness Fun Day, Spirit Week, Reading Week, Kindness Challenge, Global School Play Day, Career Day, Door Decorating, Birthday Boxes & Angel Tree, Hour of Code, Red Ribbon Week, Kids for Peace Project, International Day of Peace & Pinwheels for Peace, Green & Gold Night. Our new Logo & #FlyerPride

## CAPITAL PROJECT

- Conducted a very intrusive capital project and they are on schedule or ahead of schedule...expect for the lobby...but it’s almost complete and looks fantastic

## FINANCES

- CSEA Contract ratified
- Teachers Contract ratified
- The NYS Comptroller’s Audit affirmed the diligence from our business office
- Business First Magazine noted our Administrative Efficiency – We rank 11<sup>th</sup> out of 33 schools and with Cost Effectiveness – we rank 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 33 schools on spending per pupil (only one North Country school spends less per pupil than we do.)
- Budget passed with 90% approval

## ACADEMICS

- A business class taught empathy as they campaigned to purchase equipment for needy elementary students with disabilities. They also formed connections with the families.

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- Our Fusion Class – presented at two different state conferences and viewed as a replicable model for other schools.
- The Integrated Co-Teaching model – measured results with our students with disabilities & a model that other schools are trying to replicate.
- Middle and High School curricular unit – “the giver”
- One School, One Book – *The Mouse and the Motorcycle*.
- Writing Initiative (as well as all the others) – other districts taking notice
- Even though we were close to not making AYP in ELA last year, this year 95% of our students in honors classes received mastery on the ELA regents. 50% of our non-honors, received mastery on ELA regents. 100% of our kids passed the ELA regents.
- 65 kids took the Algebra I regents...47 kids came in for a review class the morning of the exam. 100% passed and got credit on this exam.
- Four years ago the average log-in time for our computers was about 23 minutes. Now, we have almost 500 Chromebooks deployed with more coming.
- Business First Magazine noted our Improved Achievement Rank (academic achievement w/ regard to poverty) – now 8 out of 33 schools when last year we were 15<sup>th</sup>
- US News and World Report – ranks us 3<sup>rd</sup> out of the SLL BOCES – Silver Medal designation – top academic high schools in the North Country

## CAPITAL PROJECT

Attached with this email you'll find the June, 2017 Newsletter from *Watchdog*, pertaining to our Capital Improvement Project. Work will continue this summer and conclude in September.

## BRIEF REMARKS

As I complete my fourth year at the helm of the Norwood-Norfolk CSD I reflect on this time. I am most fortunate to serve a district with a vision for the future and faculty, staff, and administration willing to work diligently towards this future. Thank you.

The Board Update's will continue as September once again draws near.

*Nothing can stop the man with the right mental attitude from achieving his goal; nothing on Earth can help the man with the wrong mental attitude.”*

Thomas Jefferson



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

6/27	Special Board of Education Meeting – 6:30PM
7/11	Board of Education Meeting (Re-Org & Regular) – 6:00PM Informal Board Gathering at The Lobster House
7/12-14	Superintendent at Leadership Conference
7/20	Superintendent at Constructivist Conference/Poverty Training
7/25-27	Superintendent at NYSPHSAA Central Committee Meeting
8/2-4	Superintendent at Regional Superintendent Conference

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