



Superintendent's Report – May 23, 2018

1) District Activity – A couple of quick shout-outs for two events in particular this last week. The Unified Track team competed in the Central Mass Sectional meet at Assabet on Monday. Before the team left for their meet, NRHS gave a wonderful sendoff rally! The team did well and they will have members qualify for the state meet next week. A special note of thanks to everyone involved in that event. Also, on Monday night we had our first annual “Nashoba Sings”. What a great evening, ending with a showstopper finale. Choirs from each school performed and then combined for the finale.

(Standard 1, 3)

2) Nurses – I would like to take this opportunity to extend a note of congratulations to four of our district school nurses on recently achieving the status of recognition of becoming a Nationally Certified School Nurse (NCSN). This required substantial efforts on their part, including additional hours of Professional Development leading to the exam process. Their role is a critical position within our schools and educational community. We want to thank them for everything they do on a daily basis to keep our staff and students healthy and well attended to. They are a critical component to the fabric of NRSD.

Congratulations to:

- a. Julie Hendley - Emerson Wing of Florence Sawyer School
- b. Tina Hill - NRHS
- c. Carla Dumas – Center School
- d. Rosemary Sullender – Hale School

(Standard 1, 3)

3) District Improvement Plan 2018-2019 – We have a draft prepared of the 2018-2019 District Improvement Plan. We will discuss this further as we look to create goals for next year. This document was prepared after reviewing pertinent data and direct involvement of our Teaching and Learning Unit and school and central office administration. This year's plan follows a similar path to last year's approach to building the plan and will be relayed to all staff with greater detail on their first day back for the new school year. We have coordinated this with the building of our next fiscal budget so that there are direct tie-ins.

(Standard 1, 3, 4)

4) School Council Visits – I have continued to visit with our school councils across the district. Thanks, again, to all parents who participate on these important committees. I would also like to extend a note of thanks to the number of students who also sit in on the NRHS council. It was a pleasure to meet with them.

(Standard 3)

5) School Committee Goal Setting – You are receiving a copy of the book “The Innovator's Mindset” by George Couros. Mr. Couros has presented in MA and has been received very positively for his common sense approach to digital literacy and the necessity for schools to empower student learning, unleash talent and lead a culture of creativity. He is a national speaker on this topic and those who have attended his sessions have found him to be inspirational and appreciated his reflections in this area. Some of his work will provide underpinnings for some of our work as well during the next school year.

(Standard 1, 3, 4)