

Dear NPS Families,

Congratulations to all of us for finishing this school year!

I hope you and your family and community will be able to enjoy some summer time fun together in the coming weeks. It has been a privilege and a challenge to be your superintendent this year—but an experience that has allowed me to grow and learn and love our district.

I am so proud of the work of our educators and of our collaboration with you, your child's first and primary educators! I look forward to growing as a community in the coming years. I also want to thank our partners on the governance team (school committee and city council), our city colleagues, and our collaborator groups, led by Newton Schools Foundation and the townwide PTOC.

Before we all begin summer routines, just a reminder that the district will be soft closed until July 15th. Summer school administrators are available to assist with summer school families during this time. If there is a safety emergency, please call 911 or the police's alternative line #: 617-796-2123.

The year has been unexpected in so many ways but the district accomplished a great deal, and I offer the following resources if you would like to explore what was accomplished this year:

[District Goal Updates and Evidence of Completion](#)

[NPS District 2nd Annual Report](#)

[Office Of DEI yearly round up](#) (this will be included in Annual Report each year moving forward)

I would also like to share that our parent-friendly curriculum website is complete.

[K-12 Curriculum Site](#)

Please know, we are redoing our entire website this summer, with input from family and staff focus groups, so there will be changes. Leave yourself some time to look at it and we'll try to inform you of any radical changes. Parent Square will be our new communication tool with all of you in the fall. We believe it will improve your experience with us and allows anyone to receive messages in the time, manner and language of your choice—one stop shopping for all district messaging down to the teacher level.

Profile of a Graduate

A reminder, we will be sending a profile of a graduate survey to you in the fall, asking you to talk about what your family would like us to prioritize in terms of graduate competencies. We will conduct our final profile of a graduate design sessions with those individuals who signed up to participate on October 29 and 30 6-8pm at the Wilson Chapel (WPS) in Newton. The completion of this district North star will then kick off a process to develop a 5-year strategic plan for the district (this was delayed this year as we must have our educator voice in this process and we were unable to do so last winter).

In August: Coming Soon!

Stay tuned for some potential school calendar updates this summer.....we will publish these in August should they occur. Also, we will launch an alumni and giving development plan in August designed to bolster programming in our district. Join us in moving Newton ahead!

Please consider giving us some feedback / share your thinking as we close the year.

[Parent/Caregiver Feedback Thoughtexchange](#)

Have a wonderful summer,

Anna

For the Newton Team