

# North Providence Public Schools

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## Message from the Superintendent, Joseph B. Goho

Welcome to North Providence Public School's 2025-2026 school year! Administrators and teachers have been busy during the summer months preparing for the opening of school. We are so excited to welcome back all of our students, families, and staff members. With the support of the members of our School Committee, NPPS will open with expanded programs, enhanced facilities, and exciting new initiatives. Here are some highlights from each of our schools:

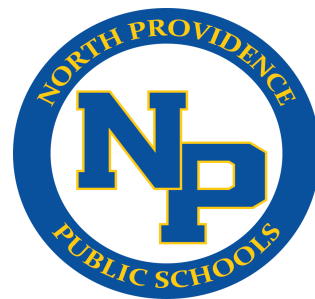
### North Providence High School

North Providence High School is excited to welcome all students and staff to the 2025–2026 school year! We are especially thrilled to greet our incoming ninth graders on Tuesday, September 2, 2025. All other students will return on Wednesday, September 3, 2025.

This year, we are proud to introduce several new faculty and staff members who are joining our North Providence High School community. Additionally, students and families will notice several exciting facility upgrades. The gymnasiums have been revitalized with brand-new bleachers in gym 2, a fresh coat of paint in both gyms, and two refinished playing floors. Our cafeteria has also undergone a stunning transformation—creating a bright, welcoming space that will serve as a hub for students throughout the day.

Families can find important information in our *Back to School Newsletter*, which will be emailed directly. Ninth-grade students will also receive a special welcome message to support their transition to high school. As always, we encourage students to check schedules in Skyward, and our guidance team will be available during the opening days of school to assist with any scheduling needs.

[\[Link to NPHS Newsletter\]](#)



**September 2nd**  
**First Day of School**  
**PK – 9<sup>th</sup> grade**

**September 3rd**  
**First Day of School**  
**For 10<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade**

**\* PLEASE NOTE:**  
**Kindergarten soft**  
**start is September**  
**2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 4<sup>th</sup>.**  
**Please contact**  
**your child's school**  
**for more info. First**  
**full day of**  
**Kindergarten will**  
**be September 5<sup>th</sup>**

## **CTE Pathways**

NPSD is very excited to expand our CTE Pathways K-12 for the 2025/2026 school year. Career and Technical Education Programs provide an engaging school experience, the opportunity to earn college credits, industry certifications, and credentials as well as work-based learning experiences with industry partners across the state of R.I. This summer we have developed new post-secondary and industry partnerships in all of our CTE pathways where our students can accrue real world opportunities merging school and career. At the elementary level, we are continuing our partnership with Electric Boat for students to learn more about the six core trades. Additionally, we would like to partner with Project Lead the Way to engage young learners in national STEM initiatives to get them curious about various career clusters. At the middle school, students are involved with several Project Lead the Way initiatives in the areas of Automation & Robotics, Computer Science, Design & Modeling, Energy & the Environment, as well as Medical Detectives. Electric Boat is also working with our middle school students through their SeaPerch Underwater Robotics Program. We have over 500 students at NPHS participating in one of our eight pathways either in Air Force JROTC, Business Financial Management, Computer Science, Law & Public Safety, Marine Trades, Performing & Visual Arts, Pre-Engineering, and PTECH Health Science. NPHS is excited to jumpstart our new Performing and Visual Arts Pathway. This path will expose students to theater, dance, music, costumes/props, set building, visual arts, and more. PLTW's Biomedical Science will expand as part of PTECH Health Science Program offering Principles of Biomedical Science and Human Body Systems. Electric Boat is continuing to partner with our Marine Trades Program, offering workshops in the six core trades. K-12 CTE is rapidly growing, offering valuable, meaningful, and rigorous experiences to prepare our students for college and career readiness. Be sure to visit our website and Facebook Page for the latest news and updates!! Check out our latest CTE commercials on our website. Please see the links below.

Website: [NPHS CTE Pathways](#)

Facebook: [CTE Facebook](#)

## **Birchwood Middle School**

Birchwood Middle School is excited to welcome all students and faculty back for the 2025-2026 school year. The Birchwood school community would like to welcome our newest staff members to our school. Mrs. Christina Agonia will be the Special Education teacher on the Gold team, Mrs. Marilyn McLaughlin will be the ELA teacher on the Marine team, Mrs. Alisha Ruggieri will be teaching 6th grade ELA/SS and Mrs. Tarra Branch will be the Special Education teacher on the Purple team. STEAM students will be surprised at how well our school garden is doing. We were able to harvest and donate fresh vegetables to local food pantries over the summer. Our 6th grade student orientation will be held on August 27th from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. This event is for students only. Families will have a chance to visit our school for both an open house and parent teacher conferences. We look forward to a fun and productive school year!

## **Ricci Middle School**

The Ricci Middle School Team is excited to welcome back all of our returning students and teachers, and we are sending out a warm welcome to all of our new team members for the 2025-2026 school year! We have three new teachers starting the year with us- Ms. Skylar Mette, Mr. Joseph Palazzo, and Mr. Derek Zuleta. They are all coming to the Ricci Team with lots of new energy and great ideas! We also want to welcome Ms. Melinda Grasso who will be covering for our Social Worker, Ms. Monaghan, for the start of the year, as well as Ms. Courtney Lowell who will be serving as our new Student Assistance Counselor. We have our 6th grade orientation coming up on Wednesday evening, August 27th, at 5 pm in Ricci Middle School- we are looking forward to meeting all of our incoming 6th grade students! We also have an OPEN HOUSE event for all other students and parents on September 23rd from 5-6 pm. Please come by! This is going to be another great year at Ricci Middle School, and we are looking forward to seeing everyone- as always do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns!

### **Centredale Elementary School**

Welcome back to the 2025-2026 school year! We are excited to begin another year of learning, growth, and partnership with our families, and we are especially thrilled to welcome our new families to Centredale. To kick off the year, we invite you to join us for our **Ice Cream Social on Thursday, August 28, 2025, at 5:30 PM**. This is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with friends and meet new members of our school community. Later in the fall, please mark your calendars for our **Open House on Thursday, September 25, 2025**, where you will have the chance to visit classrooms, meet teachers, and learn more about the exciting plans for this school year. We look forward to a fantastic year ahead as we continue to learn, grow, and achieve more together!

### **Greystone Elementary School**

We are extremely honored and excited to embark on this unique endeavor as Co-Principals, as well as collaborating with our newly hired Assistant Principal. We have worked diligently this summer in order to bring to your children the best instructional practices; expectations of excellence; and attendance and social growth programs. To you, our families, we hope to provide a variety of parent involvement activities which have always proven to be a great motivator of your children's success! On Thursday, September 4th at 2:00pm our Kindergarten students and their parents will participate in a Meet and Greet highlighting our theme of "Let's Build A Great Year Together". Our Greystone PTA will be sponsoring a **Welcome Back event on Friday, September 5th from 5:30pm-7:00pm**. Join our faculty, staff and administration in getting to know our Greystone families! Our school wide **Open House will be held on Wednesday, September 17th from 5:30pm-7:00pm**. Also, a Book Fair sponsored by the PTA will be held. The Administration will be available at 5:30pm and the faculty and staff will be available in their classrooms from 6:00pm-7:00pm to offer their heartwarming greetings. You will have the opportunity to visit your child's classroom during this event! We look forward to an exceptional year of learning, growth and the completion of our new school building!

### **McGuire Elementary School**

The McGuire School is ready to kick-off the 2025-2026 School Year and we are excited to welcome back our students, staff, and families! We will open our doors to families on **September 11, 2025 for our annual Open House**. We hope to continue to strengthen our Cougar Cub community through the recruitment of new members for our PTO (Parent/Teacher Organization). This year we are looking forward to hands-on learning experiences for our students in and outside of the school building, and through fundraising, volunteering, and collaboration with our community partners, we can ensure all of our students have opportunities for engaging real-world learning experiences.

### **Stephen Olney Elementary School**

After a warm, and well-deserved summer, we are looking forward to another productive year of learning for students and staff at Stephen Olney Elementary School. We are excited to begin getting to know all of our new students and families, while also welcoming back the existing members of our school community. This year at Stephen Olney, students will be diving deeper into their curricular resources (Wonders, Reveal, Amplify, & i-Ready), while also engaging with content designed to both close gaps, and push students beyond. Coinciding with the hard work of teaching and learning, students will also receive the experience of grade level field trips, school-wide Spirit Weeks, and student learning experience assemblies. Needless to say, this year will be both fun and productive!

### **Whelan Elementary School**

As summer winds down and a new school year begins, Whelan is excited to welcome back our students, staff, and families! We are thrilled to continue building on the strong foundation of pride, learning, and community that defines our school. Construction is in full swing and we can't wait to be in our new home next year while enjoying the limited time we have in the existing building. This year, we remain committed to celebrating student achievement, strengthening partnerships with families, and expanding opportunities for engaging, hands-on learning. Our dedicated staff work every day to ensure that each child reaches their fullest potential both academically and socially. We look forward to connecting with you at our **Back to School Bash on Friday, September 5th from 5:30-7:00 PM** and at our **Open House on Tuesday, September 16th from 6:00-7:00 PM**. Together, let's make this year one of growth, celebration, and success for all students!

## Message from the Assistant Superintendent:

We are very excited about welcoming all of our students, families, administrators, teachers, and staff back for the 2025-2026 school year in North Providence! We have had a very productive summer with learning across the district. As we transition back into school, we will be continuing to focus on our goals of strengthening our core curriculum, our MTSS (see graphic below) process including interventions for all students, Blended/Personalized learning instruction, social-emotional supports for students, families, and staff, equity and culturally responsive teaching strategies. All of our district goals will best support the individual needs of our students as we prepare them for College and Career Readiness.

District professional development days will address these goals; including continuing to learn more about the Grades K - 8 I Ready Assessment program for ELA/Math. This program provides valuable information for our teachers regarding students' instructional needs and resources to address the same. Some other professional learning includes: Bradley Hospital will be continuing to work with our teachers/staff on Suicide Prevention Awareness refresher training based on the Nathan Bruno/Jason Flatt Act, high quality curriculum professional learning at all levels including continued learning about our curriculum in (Math) Reveal Math (Elem.MS//HS), (ELA) Wonders (ES) StudySync for our (MS/HS) teachers, and Amplify Science (ES/MS). We will be continuing our Learning Walks in ELA, Math and Science across all levels to support teaching and learning. In addition, more of our secondary teachers will be continuing their proficiency training on the RI Right to Read Act related to the science of reading instruction and structured literacy this year. School leaders will continue to support the science of reading this year. These professional learning opportunities will continue all year through our professional learning and other planned days. We are also working collaboratively as school-based teams to continue to address learning recovery across the curriculum through both our District Strategic Plan and School Improvement Plans. Our goal is to be sure we continue to reduce any learning gaps remaining from COVID-19 and move forward to effectively impact student achievement. Stay tuned for more specific curriculum, instruction, and assessment updates throughout the year. Wishing all of you and your families a very successful school year!

Louise K. Seitsinger, M.Ed.  
Assistant Superintendent





## A Message from the Director of Student Services:

Dear North Providence Families and Students,

I am delighted to welcome you to the 2025-2026 school year! As we open our doors once again, I look forward to connecting with both returning families and those joining our community for the first time. The energy and enthusiasm that our students bring to learning continues to inspire our entire team, and we are eager to support each child's unique journey this year. Our unwavering dedication remains focused on creating an environment where every learner feels valued, challenged, and empowered to reach their goals.

For families of students receiving special education services, please visit our Special Education website at <https://www.npsdspecial.ed.org/> for comprehensive information about programs, resources, and support services available to your child. Additionally, information regarding your procedural safeguards can be found at <https://www.npsdspecial.ed.org/ri-sped-procedural-safeguards> to ensure you are fully informed of your rights and the processes available to you.

We also encourage all families to stay tuned for upcoming North Providence Special Education Local Advisory Council Meeting dates and locations, which will be posted on our Special Education website. These meetings provide valuable opportunities for community input and collaboration on special education matters that affect our students and families.

As we move forward, I encourage you to stay connected and involved in your child's education. Communication between home and school is key to our collective success, and we value the partnership we have with our families. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our team with any questions or concerns. Together, we can make this school year one of growth, achievement, and joy for all our students. Here's to a fantastic 2025-2026 school year!

Sincerely,

Cindy

Cynthia R. VanAvery, M.Ed.  
Director of Student Services



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### **School Hours:**

#### **High School**

**7:35 a.m. – 1:55 p.m.**

#### **Middle Schools**

**8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

#### **Elementary Schools**

**8:55 a.m. – 3:12 p.m.**



## **Bus Transportation Information:**

All students eligible to receive bus transportation will receive a letter in the mail. This letter will have your child's bus stop and bus number. The letter will also include information about signing up for the **Bus Tracking App**. If you notice an error in your child's busing information, please inform the **Central Office Transportation Department** @ [facilities@npsd.k12.ri.us](mailto:facilities@npsd.k12.ri.us) or your **child's school secretary** so we can update the system with correct information. **All bus stop information will also be available on our district's website @ <http://nprovschools.org/>**

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# **Breakfast and Lunch at the Schools**



Welcome Back Students of North Providence.

A reminder to all families that a new Meal Benefit Application needs to be submitted annually. For an application please visit:

<http://nprovschools.org/school-lunch-application>

To see your school Menu please visit:

<http://nprovschools.org/lunch-menus>

To see your school Menu Nutritional information please visit:

<https://npsd.nutrislice.com>

A la Carte items will be sold for a short period of time during Lunch time at the Secondary Schools. If your student wishes to purchase A la Carte items please note we encourage a cashless system.

You can create an account on:

[www.Myschoolbucks.com](http://www.Myschoolbucks.com)

Any questions please reach out to:

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Parents have access to their child's grades via the district's student information system. The grade book portal for elementary students will open at the start of school. Parents will receive more information at the school's open house.

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Follow on Twitter/X and Instagram

You can follow Superintendent Goho @joegoho (X) and Assistant Superintendent Seitsinger @npasstsupt (X) @npsdasstsupt (IG) as they visit schools and attend activities throughout the District

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**North Providence School Committee**

Chairman-Dr. Frank Pallotta

Vice Chairman-Roderick E. DaSilva

Arthur Corsini

Kristi Mangiocca

Anthony Marioenzi, Jr.

Thomas Norato

Gina M. Picard, M.Ed.

The School Committee typically meets the last Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the North Providence High School Library. The District website has a complete list of meeting dates. The next meeting is scheduled for September 24, 2025.





*The Mission of the North Providence School District, as an urban ring community with a strong neighborhood identity which recognizes its individual and cultural diversity and its sensitivity to the needs of the community, is to educate its students in a safe, nurturing, and challenging environment for successful entry into industry, business, or higher education by providing them with 21st century skills in academics, communication, technology, and the humanities, holding them to high expectations, and recognizing the needs of individual students in order to ensure they become productive and contributing members of a global society.*