

## Parent/Guardian Hopes 2016

Responses
A happy and healthy final year at NHS!
I hope that Newburyport schools can continue to offer a variety of educational, artistic, and athletic programs as my children grow into young adults. To that end, I strongly encourage the school budget committee to pay special attention to the importance of the athletic programs and especially to the dedicate coaches who essentially donate their time and energy with little financial incentive. These coaches deserve way more than we have provided them over the years and we will never truly compensate them fairly; the least we can do is take steps in the right direction by allocating additional funding to these programs. The health and success of our students depends on their well- being; let's not neglect those that provide the guidance and mentoring that our students so desperately need.
I hope that my children form special connections with their teachers
More school spirit within the student body
For my child to enjoy school and want to learn. I like a structured environment and think this school system works for her
Aidan as a new student finds friends and happiness at NHS
Increase the salaries for coaches @ NHS and Nock! Way overdue.
2016-2017 School Budget - Let's do it right by our Coaches: We are parents of three boys, one who is a recent graduate of Newburyport HS and two others still in the schools. In the last 10 years we have seen so much for us to be proud of from our schools — despite the ongoing budget realities. Over the years our children's academic experiences have been complemented by very strong athletic experiences. The importance that athletics has had on the confidence, leadership, and physical health of our kids has been significant. Statistics show that a healthy mind and healthy body are critical to success and happiness in life. Sports teach the importance of discipline and teamwork, lessons that stick with us for life. Sport nurtures organization, toughness and time management- all lessons that will help later in life. Without our coaches none of these lessons are taught. Coaches serve to ensure that the techniques needed to perform are perfected. They teach that teamwork and hard work is more important than simply winning. Without our coaches the lessons of winning and losing is lost. The ability to set goals and build strategies to try to reach those goals is lost- as only a coach can teach that. Our teams in Newburyport have been competitive and successful. Athletes from the most to the least talented have all benefitted from these lessons and the other teachings from these coaches. To allow these wonderful and giving individuals to go year after year without fair compensation for their longer seasons and preseason work is not right. To let these coaches go year after year without recognizing an increase in pay- is simply wrong. We ask that as we finalize this next year's school budget moving forward we make room to recognize the coaches who have had such an impact on so many kids lives — and treat them with the dignity and fairness they deserve, Tom and Veronica Carleo Newburyport
I hope that efforts are made to build on the inclusion program to do even more inclusion especially for the students with more moderate to severe disabilities.
That my son will enjoy going to pre-school
Students will realize they harm someone's soul, sometimes for a lifetime, when they bully anyone else for any reason.
I hope my son continued to love school as much as he does on the very first day!
I hope that my child can make new friends, learn to recognize letters & numbers, and begin to read & write, all while learning empathy, communication and having fun!
I hope that our children have a positive and enriching experience in a supportive and enjoyable atmosphere, such that they are ready to tackle academic and life challenges successfully in the future!
That my son is engaged & happy to be learning in his new school.
My child has a smooth transition to high school academically, socially, and gets involved in the community - all while getting good grades!

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<p>My hopes for the new school year include: a later start time plan for the High School to be in place for the 2017-2018 school year, a realization that quantity of homework doesn't correlate with quality of work, continuation of teacher enrichment time including 1/2 days (but PLEASE move the half days to Fridays particularly for working parents!), and finally the recognition (financially) of incredible community asset building coaches like Don Hennigar/Coach Haas who make a significant long lasting impact on the 100+ student athletes they work with. Thank you for asking!</p>
<p>My hope for my daughter is that she continues her love of learning and is able to navigate the social difficulties that can arise for girls in middle school. My hope for my son is that he can feel supported and learn in a compassionate, safe environment with the supports outlined in his IEP.</p>
<p>The children discover that learning is fun!</p>
<p>To get involved as much as I can and give my kindergartners the support they need!</p>
<p>I hope my daughter has an excellent first grade experience!</p>
<p>Full of sunny, happy days with kids enjoying and learning how to be better than us!</p>
<p>Happy mornings and getting to the bus stop in time.</p>
<p>That my kids will be energized and motivated in their learning and reach higher than they expected</p>
<p>I hope for a year of joyful learning in a safe, tolerant environment that allows each student to reach whatever their maximum potential might be.</p>
<p>Having just moved to town, my greatest hope is that Shelby makes new friends and loves her school as much as she did her last. I also hope she continues to enjoy learning and carries on the characteristics of a good student, friend and citizen.</p>
<p>It is my hope that my kids have an academically and socially fulfilling, very happy year.</p>
<p>I have a junior, and we are just starting to think about the college process. He is our first child to go through this, and I am hoping for guidance from the school as to process, timeframe for tests etc...Advice for parents is welcome!</p>
<p>Stimulating year where teachers recognize every student's giftedness whatever area that might be and use that giftedness to invigorate their schoolwork.</p>
<p>I hope that my daughter acclimates well to the new school and that she gets the attention that she needs at a smaller school district. I hope that she gets excited about going to school, participating in events, and makes lots of new friends. I hope that she likes her new teachers that they spark a greater interest in learning even outside of the material covered in school!</p>
<p>I hope that my children are enthusiastic about learning.</p>
<p>The teacher has an individual goal for the student.</p>
<p>A year of continued growth, the humble use of talents, and joy in all successes big and small for teachers students' parents and all who support them</p>
<p>Longer lunch period</p>
<p>I hope that my girls have a wonderful year at school. I would hope that the learning is immense with limited homework. I hope that they get some guidance in the college process as well.</p>
<p>A year full of friendship, kindness in a wonder-filled learning environment.</p>
<p>Build empathy In kids</p>
<p>That my middle school child finally learns to read</p>
<p>That my child gets to read at a grade appropriate level</p>
<p>access to FLOSS technology</p>
<p>My hope for this school year is that fun and learning will not be mutually exclusive.</p>
<p>To have a safe and happy school year.</p>
<p>That all students are happy and engaged!</p>
<p>My hope is for my son to gain more confidence and continue to try new things.</p>
<p>I hope I remain patient kind and loving; I hope I show my children the best me I can be; I hope I see this year thru my kids eyes</p>
<p>Learning, fun, safety, respect, growth, preparation for the real world</p>

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I hope that my son can see that he is loved, that he can love and that he make change.
That NPS follow their own policy for bullying and hold students accountable for their actions. Too many times things are swept under the rug and nothing is done about it.
We hope the staff and children of the Bresnahan School build memories together, making each other smile throughout the day. We hope the teachers feel appreciated and the spark inside them that made them want to become teachers' shines bright. We hope the children feel loved and respected as individuals.
More after school enrichment programs
To be able to actually converse verbally with guidance counsellors instead of their poor email communication.
To fuel passion and compassion.
Teaching children of conservative ideas and values with the same attention and respect given to liberal ideas and values.
We hope that our daughter enjoys new friendships and continues to love learning!
My son will feel empowered by his teacher and excited about learning. Thanks for asking!
My hope is for my children to have fun while learning, and to always be humble and kind to others.
I hope my son will get a lot of job opportunities.
I hope that my daughter is challenged, supported and encouraged to stretch herself...new interests. I hope homework is valuable and that there isn't too much! I hope the district moves to later start times for nock and THS. Thank you!
For my son to enjoy going to school each day, feel engaged with his classes and learning and have fun with his friends while doing so!
For my child to have a great year
That my children will be challenged and love learning.
I hope my freshman transitions well to the school and feels confident taking her classes, and I hope my junior pursues her goals, and has some positive leadership opportunities.
later start times
I hope that my child will be motivated to learn and make significant academic gains. I also want her to feel part of a community of learners.
Healthier start times for everyone, or at least the high school students.
That my daughter has a great year.
My hopes are for my children to enjoy every day at school and to come home with a positive attitude towards school. I hope they will enjoy school and I hope the teachers make it fun, exciting and hands-on experience for them. I hope the teachers have the students practice more public speaking in the classroom to help with a very important life skill. I hope my children learn all sorts of new and interesting things. I hope they meet new friends get good grades and find the confidence to participate in the classroom more. I hope all my daughters teachers realize how shy she is and help her to gain her confidence.
My hope would be that my son enjoys going to school each day and that he is stimulated and given the opportunity to take on extra (creative or thought provoking) projects if he asks for and is capable of completing them
My hopes include nothing but smiles, success and happiness for everyone.
My Hope would be that all students will be able to find their niche within the classroom regardless of their level of ability.
For a combined effort of excitement and learning to take place. Opportunities for hands on engaging learning.
I hope my son makes friends who he feels comfortable with and appreciates what they have to offer!
For my child to be thoughtfully challenged, for him to gain confidence and social awareness
I hope that my children will be encouraged and supported to be the best they can be. I hope that NHS will provide them with an environment that celebrates achievement and effort.
to start school later for our high school students.
A happy, motivated, healthy student.
For a year of growth, education, and friendship in a creative inclusive environment

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That these children never experience violence, fear or terrorism.
Safety, happiness, developing friendships and challenging learning!
Friends, learning, confidence in self
We hope for health, happiness and fostering a love of learning!
That my grandson loves learning
I hope you will stop sending out these ridiculous surveys, and focus your efforts on important issues.
That kindness and respect are an everyday part of our school and community.
My hope is for all the children to have a safe, happy year in which they all grow to their potential
I hope that my daughter learns new things while developing an approach to her school work that works for her. Also hope she makes some new friends and enjoys her new environment.
We wish/hope for: compassionate, dedicated teachers; a spirit of pride, hard work, compassion and love for the students
We hope for a year of continued progress in learning. We also hope for our student to be involved in meaningful projects that they can use to contribute in the world around them
no budget cuts
I hope my children continue to have a happy and enlightening experience at Newburyport High.
That my children find their "thing", the thing that excites them and interests them.....
Later start times for middle and high school students
My kids have a fun year filled with challenges and successes!
We hope that our children will learn how to lose gracefully & win humbly.
Really engaging work: problem based learning, inquiry, design. All subjects dedicated to explicit instruction (and feedback) of common core skills.
Safe, creative, fun & free, loving, positive, honest
To have a positive, productive, and fun year!
Later start time
For my little gal to gain even more confidence (it's already happening and it's only day 2!!)
My hope for my sons are that enjoy their school experience.
to have a later start for the children
I hope that teachers and students alike enjoy the learning process, that everyone makes a new friend (or two!), and our children continue to develop into the best versions of themselves! Cheers to a fabulous school year!
That students are truly academically challenged while developing their social intelligence.
I hope my daughters will be challenged academically, make wonderful new friends, and gain confidence in social situations.
Education about healthy eating, and healthy lunches.
To be informed and involved by my daughter's teachers
Review the school start times for middle and high school ages kids. Later please.
My hope is for later school start times. Realizing budding is the main issue, we need to focus on more carpooling.
It would be great if school could start later. Also I hope my daughter thrives at the high school and makes some lasting friendships.
That my daughter has a safe & happy year.
I hope we make later start times for the middle school and high school a reality. 7:30 is far too early in the morning!!
I hope we can stay organized and "in the moment" all year long!
Fix the start time "problem"

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<p>My hope is that our children will feel inspired to learn, excited by challenges and supported by teachers and peers when things aren't easy. I hope there can be honest dialogues about the pressures of sex, drugs and alcohol and that kids can be taught skills to postpone or avoid the pressure to participate.</p>
<p>I hope the school start times will be pushed later for the high school and middle school.</p>
<p>Later start time for Middle School &amp; High School students</p>
<p>My hope is that our son feels safe in exploring new ideas and learning about the world and himself this year as he transitions to adolescence and his high school years.</p>
<p>We hope that our kids will be encouraged, pushed to grow, excel academically, socially, artistically and athletically</p>
<p>Please implement a later start time for our middle and high school students.</p>
<p>I hope the school abides by its zero-tolerance bullying mandate. Kids cannot concentrate on learning and succeeding with the constant barrage of passive aggressive bullying that takes place. Let's do whatever is possible to promote and encourage inclusion and kindness. Unfortunately for some kids, school may be the only place they are taught such values.</p>
<p>I would love, love, love a later start for middle school and high school. Thank you for considering!</p>
<p>I hope that my child will learn to love to read. I hope that my child will make new friends. I hope that my child will enjoy going to school. I hope that my child's school will find ways for more than 20 minutes of recess.</p>
<p>1. Begin offering foreign language in our district in elementary school. 2. Offer universal full day kindergarten (this is unbelievable given the demand and the prevalence of two parent working families in Newburyport). 3. Make middle school and high school start later - the evidence on this is overwhelming and impossible to ignore)</p>
<p>Start Middle School and High Schools later!!</p>
<p>Establish later school start times!</p>
<p>Later start times for high school and more recess for younger kids who need it.</p>
<p>I hope my son is HAPPY!</p>
<p>Later start times for middle and high school and having my 8th grader find the right fit for friends</p>
<p>I hope that as a community we can come together effectively and efficiently in agreement that our schools and our children need and deserve a later start time.</p>
<p>A safe school year</p>
<p>I hope we can find a way to make later start times for middle and high school happen instead of being ruled by limitations of the bus company and I am willing to help figure it out if that is needed.</p>
<p>I hope the Superintendent and SC will implement a later start time for the Middle and High schools. I would also like the SC to think about Friday half days and making a more family-friendly school calendar.</p>
<p>Supportive safe environment for all in an expressive learning environment. Make new friends in a respectful inclusive community. Encouragement of having fun and sharing. Growth in students' self-confidence and awareness of personal goals and social responsibility.</p>
<p>my hope would be for lunch times to be longer, my daughter would love to order lunch but by the time she orders and sits down there isn't enough time to eat.</p>
<p>My hope is that they enjoy learning and make new friends...</p>
<p>A great MUSIC/ART program!!!</p>
<p>To have an educational fun new year.</p>
<p>That everyone in the class enjoys the journey this year, with all of its ups and downs!</p>
<p>I hope that my sons will continue to stay excited about learning and love school!</p>
<p>My hope is for my daughter to grow in knowledge, love, understanding and caring for others for the New School Year as she graduates</p>
<p>I hope my children will learn to be compassionate and kind to their peers and to respect their teachers.</p>
<p>Stop the Stigma</p>
<p>Later start times!!!!</p>

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<p>A well-rounded educational experience that provides challenges for all students, especially students who are high achievers. The district has placed a premium on children who need extra assistance, which is understood and endorsed, but very few opportunities for children who needed extra challenges to keep them engaged and enthusiastic.</p>
<p>Good communication between staff, students and parents for greater success!</p>
<p>I hope my children are challenged with valuable, open-ended questions. I hope my children grow their friendships. I hope my children are given chances to question and affect their schools' and the community's culture and processes. I hope my children's confidence grows meaningfully.</p>
<p>My hope is that my son, who is a sophomore, can attend school each day and learn something new, explore new topics, be treated fairly, and feel a part of the school community.</p>
<p>My hopes for my 7th grade daughter are: 1. Continue to grow your love of learning. 2. Weed through the drama to find a good friend that will make the good days great and the bad days tolerable. 3. Be a kind friend and a respectful student. 4. Be happy.</p>
<p>I hope kindergarten helps lay the foundation for years of excitement, exploration and the quest for knowledge.</p>
<p>I hope the kids in the high school will be kind, compassionate, respectful, and friendly. I hope my child will get all the psychological and emotional support he needs, as well as all the academic support he needs.</p>
<p>Less judgement. We all need to judge less and find more empathy. We are all in this together.</p>
<p>safe and zero bully school environment</p>
<p>I hope for my son to thrive academically, socially and feel so proud to be a Clipper. That he is as enthusiastic as he is this 1st day of his freshman year as he will be entering the adventures and growth of each class year. That he will ultimately bring his love and enthusiasm for NHS into the community to help and serve others.</p>
<p>For my child to learn all she can, be happy and adjust.</p>
<p>That my daughter learns, laughs and is always kind!</p>
<p>That we can still enjoy family time, and not be overwhelmed with homework and school stress.</p>
<p>I hope my daughter who is very shy and nervous I'd able to become more confident with herself in 3rd grade.</p>
<p>For my child, I hope she (1) adjusts well socially &amp; (2) tries at least one completely new sport or other skill-building activity&amp; (3) achieves an expanded vision of the possibilities for herself. For the faculty staff &amp; parents I hope for a peaceful &amp; fulfilling year.</p>
<p>We hope that our daughter feels like school is a place where she can be herself without judgement, feel confident enough to make mistakes and learn from them and develop learning skills that will foster excitement for her education!</p>
<p>That our child will thrive socially, emotionally and academically. That teachers will receive the support they need. That peace prevails!</p>
<p>For my child to make new friends and be challenged in new ways.</p>
<p>That everybody is inclusive, kind and thoughtful to each other</p>
<p>Encourage more after school activities to include jobs for credit</p>
<p>I hope that the students can learn to come together as a united group. Understanding that together as a team they will always be stronger, happier and more successful.</p>
<p>Smiling faces off the bus, new friends and old ones to spend time with, learning to love to read.</p>
<p>I hope for a positive, constructive and fun filled year where my son is able to learn and prosper in a supportive and friendly setting. His 7th grade experience wasn't positive and he's looking for a fresh start. I'm hopeful he gets exactly that and his year is everything he needs to be successful.</p>
<p>A happy child, who enjoys his classes, and is motivated to excel.</p>
<p>We hope our children continue to develop into confident individuals who are proud of who they are.</p>
<p>I wish that we could have started the school year after Labor Day, so I guess I hope when the School Committee creates next year schedule, they take that into account! My other hope for the school year is that each school creates a culture of kindness, caring and service to others. I feel this sometimes gets overlooked in the rush to get the days' work done.</p>
<p>That all students and staff treat each other with respect at all times</p>

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I hope for all students to feel welcome, safe, and supported at school. I hope students will have many opportunities to experience powerful learning.
A smooth transition for my son into a new school and all the children much success, creativity and health and safety.
We hope that students will treat their peers and others with respect, seek to do no harm, and extract the maximum knowledge and growth Through the programs offered at NBPT High School.
Hoping for a safe, healthy, productive and joyful year, making many treasured memories.
I hope ALL students are supported, respected and encouraged by each other teachers and staff allowing them to reach their full potential
Safety for all and good communication
I hope that my child will not tell me that she wants to drop out of school
Don't penalize all parents for the actions of a minority who can't set boundaries!
That our daughter continues to love school, make new friends & learn new things!
Growth! Confidence! Fun! Friends!
For my son to gain the skills needed to learn to become a productive citizen of the 21st century!!!
Kids and teachers treat each other with respect and fairness
We hope for our girls to become strong and independent young ladies!
My child to succeed
I hope that all students are able to achieve their full potential this year thru the encouragement of their teachers, parents, and peers. I hope that all students and teachers will strive to do their best to allow all of our children to be able to "exceed standards" and not just "meet standards". May each child grow intellectually and emotionally and come away with a lifelong love of learning and a desire to do their best work every day.
That both of my children make great friends and learn in a challenging yet nurturing environment.
My hope is that my children grow their friendships and learn new and amazing things that inspire them!
I hope he has a very successful freshman year. Everything has really changed but he is very appreciative of the support he has been given.
We hope for a safe, fun, learning environment, including dedicated staff and teachers whom will get the respect they deserve from all and that the students grow through appropriate means.
My daughter will grow and be challenged academically and as a person.
That my sons gain in depth knowledge of their subjects with specific utilitarian examples of how these skills will benefit them, taught by passionate, dedicated and happy teachers.
My HOPE is that all children are welcomed with a loving smile, a supportive pat on the back and a boost up when they need it.
I hope that my daughter will make new friends and learn a lot.
I hope my kids enjoy their learning experience!
I hope that 2016-2017 is a year of happiness and success for all the students.
My child has a fantastic freshman experience with great teachers who love what they do and show it. For meeting good quality friends to last a life time. To have fun and look forward to all the new experiences. To try new things and figure out which direction you want to head in life and appreciate the journey. Be surrounded by positivity
For my children to learn academics in a safe and nurturing environment with strong expectations. I also hope they will continue to be good friends to familiar and new students.
That my children will continue to love learning, to be engaged by the teaching style of their team of teachers, and to continue to build their confidence in both their abilities and their capabilities as learners!
I would like my child to continue loving school! To embrace challenges, accept responsibility if necessary and to feel good about who she is and how she fits into her class, her team as well as her school community.
I hope my child gets support and positive encouragement from her teachers
Hope teachers voice is heard, they are valued and people know they really are the ones on the front line

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For my twins to continue down the road in becoming kind, intelligent & driven adults.
Laughter, learning and new friendships
Happiness and success for all
Safe year, later start time for middle schoolers, continued communication.
Further education towards special education, rather than having to outsource to private schools, a budget cost for the schools would be greatly reduced with proper educated teachers and appropriate programs
A year filled with fun, learning and friendships!
To make it through math...
That our son will take learning more seriously.
I hope my children gain confidence
I hope he has a fun year, I hope he learns, I hope he is feels part of his community and I hope he is NOT bullied by peers.
I hope all 3 of my kids make and keep good friends, learn lasting study habits, and stay safe, happy and healthy!
That the kids have great success while learning how to handle challenges & disappointment.
Later school start times. Please.
Consistency
Teaching kindness is a focus of every day
Creatively focused!
Safe, happy and healthy
Hope she's challenged appropriately but not overwhelmed with work
That my Kindergartener will gain confidence in new experiences and meeting new people.
He gains more confidence in reading
I hope my son feels safe, supported and successful at NHS.,
I hope that my children enjoy learning, form new friendships and build confidence.