

**NEWBURYPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**NEWBURYPORT, MASSACHUSETTS**

**School Committee  
Business Meeting**

**Tuesday, March 9, 2021**

**6:30 PM**

**SC Packet Checklist:**    **SC Business Meeting Agenda 3-9-2021**  
**SC Meeting Agenda Notes 3-9-2021**  
**School Calendar 2020-2021**

Newburyport Public Schools  
Newburyport, MA

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*The Mission of the Newburyport Public Schools, the port where tradition and innovation converge, is to ensure each student achieves intellectual and personal excellence and is equipped for life experiences through a system distinguished by students, staff, and community who: - practice kindness and perseverance - celebrate each unique individual - value creativity; experiential, rigorous educational opportunities; scholarly pursuits; and life-long learning - provide the nurturing environments for emotional, social, and physical growth - understand and embrace their role as global citizens.*

**Business Meeting Agenda:** The listing of matters is those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law. **SPECIAL NOTE:** This meeting will be held remotely and will be televised locally live on Comcast Channel 9 or via <https://npsnhub.org/share/channel-9/>.

**1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**

**2. Transition to Full In-Person Learning Discussion**

- *Enhanced mitigation strategies for the district*
- *COVID-19 update*
- *DESE guidance and regulations*
- *Phased plan for more in-person learning*

**3. \*Calendar Changes related to school re-opening plans - discussion & possible Vote**

**4. Public Comment – remote via Zoom**

**Adjournment**

\*Possible Vote\*\*

\*\* The School Committee reserves the right to call **executive session**, as provided under Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(2), of the General Laws to discuss strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations collective bargaining and/or potential litigation.

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**AGENDA NOTES**

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**Agenda:**

**2. Transition to Full In-Person Learning Discussion:** Superintendent Sean Gallagher will address the following items:

- Enhanced mitigation strategies for the district: A full review of current practices will be provided. In addition, Superintendent Gallagher will provide an overview of pooled surveillance testing, vaccination plans, and the capacity of each school to implement: social distancing, air quality assessment, contact tracing, and mask protocols.
- COVID-19 update: The district has been working collaboratively with the Newburyport Board of Health and a team of medical advisors to monitor the local metrics. Superintendent Gallagher will give a report on state, local and school-based data.
- DESE guidance and regulations: Department of Education and Secondary Education has provided updated guidance and regulatory information to districts. Superintendent Gallagher will provide a brief review of the information and discuss how updates will affect NPS plans.
- Phased plan for more in-person learning: Based on enhanced mitigation strategies, positive trends in COVID-19 metrics, and new DESE guidance, NPS will propose a phased plan for increasing in-person learning.

**3. \*Calendar Changes related to school re-opening plans - discussion & possible Vote**

**4. Public Comment – remote via Zoom**

Adjournment

\*Possible Vote

**FYI: Upcoming Dates:**

**School Committee Business Meeting, Monday, March 15 at 6:30pm**

**Finance Subcommittee Meeting, Tuesday, March 16 at 8:15am**

**School Committee Business meeting, Monday, April 5 at 6:30pm**

# NEWBURYPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## School Calendar

# 2020 - 2021



### August

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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### September

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### October

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### November

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### December

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### January

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### February

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### March

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### April

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### May

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### June

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28	29	30				(12)

T = Teachers First Day  
 ER = Early Release  
 H = Holiday  
 SD = Staff Development Day  
 PLD = Projected Last Day

FDS = First Day for Students  
 LS = Late Start  
 V = Vacation

**Monday, Aug. 31 First Day of School for Teachers**  
**Aug 31 thru Sept 15 Staff Development Days (no students)**  
 Friday, Sept. 4 NO SCHOOL (NS)  
 Monday, Sept. 7 NO SCHOOL - Labor Day Holiday Observed  
**Wed., Sept. 16 First Day of School for all Grades PK-12**  
 Oct. 12 NO SCHOOL - Columbus Day Observed  
 Nov. 11 NO SCHOOL - Veteran's Day Observed  
 Nov. 26 & 27 NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break  
 December 24 thru January 1 NO SCHOOL - Holiday Break  
 January 4 SCHOOL RESUMES  
 Jan. 13 - NO SCHOOL for Students - Staff Development Day  
 January 18 NO SCHOOL - MLK, Jr. Holiday Observed  
 February 15 thru 19 NO SCHOOL - Winter Break  
 April 19 thru 23 NO SCHOOL - Spring Break  
 May 31 NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day Observed  
 June 6 Graduation Day - Class of 2021

\*\*June 11 Projected Last Day for Preschool & Kindergarten  
 June 16 Projected Last Day (Grades 1-12) - Early Release Day  
 June 17, 18, 21, 22, 23 Snow Make-up Days - if needed

**ER - Early Release Days (for staff development)**  
 February 10, March 17, April 14, and June 2

**ER - OTHER EARLY RELEASE DAYS (staff & students)**  
 Wednesday, November 25 Thanksgiving Break  
 Wednesday, December 23 Holiday Break

**G = Graduation Day** - Class of 2021 on Sunday, June 6 11AM

**SPECIAL NOTATION:** School Committee will review the calendar again in January, after the break. (Calendar is subject to change)

Voted By School Committee 4/28/2020; Updated by Vote 8/3/2020, 9/8/2020 and 12/7/2020