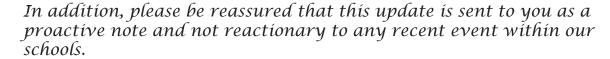
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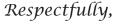
## Superintendent's Newsletter

Dear Parents, Staff, and Community Members:

It is with both hard work and great pride that our District Security and Safety Committee shares with you an update of their work and Newtown Public School's Safety Plan. Under the strong leadership of Co-Chairs Tom Kuroski and Mark Pompano, a continued daily focus is in place for safety and security best practice. I hope that everyone will take a moment to read the update by clicking on the link below, and if necessary, let my office know of anything you feel needs to be better defined regarding the safety within our schools.

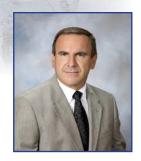


Finally, on behalf of all students, staff, and community members, thank you to the Governance Board which has oversight for the Newtown Youth Academy. This facility now serves as a secondary relocation and reunification site for all of our public and private schools in the event of an emergency.



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Click the link below to view the District Security and Safety Committee letter. <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B8vtr4h5pspjR0ZyMIFLZ19IVW8/view?usp=sharing">https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B8vtr4h5pspjR0ZyMIFLZ19IVW8/view?usp=sharing</a>



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Jean Evans Davila Assistant Superintendent



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## **Board Members**

Keith Alexander, Chair Dr. Michelle Ku, Vice Chair Debbie Leidlein, Secretary John Vouros, Member Rebekah Harriman-Stites, Member Andrew Clure, Member Dan Cruson, Member

**Board Meetings** 

March 7th, March 21, April 4, April 18, May 2, May 16, June 6, June 20



## Board Members, Educators, Administrators, of Newtown Public Schools were asked to complete the following question:

"When this school year is over my hope is that every student....

"feels they have been cared for and supported by their teachers and other adults in our school". *Ann Uberti, Principal, Reed Intermediate School* 

"took full advantage of and benefitted from the opportunities for physical activity provided by NPS staff". *Mark Gerace, District Health Coordinator* 



"has made a connection with an adult in their building that they can trust". Deborah Mailloux-Peterson, Director of Pupil Services

"has connected with at least one staff member who makes her/him feel loved". John Vouros, Board of Education Member

"reached their full potential and that they enjoyed the ride along the way." Tom Einhorn, Principal, Middle School

"feels that they had a great school experience knowing that ALL staff make the greatest of efforts to keep them in a clean, secure, and safe space day in and day out." *Gino Faiella, Director of Operations* 

"will exceed expectations for personal and academic growth; leaving for the summer having established positive, long-lasting relationships." Barbara Gasparine, Principal, Head O'Meadow Elementary School

"feels pride in their accomplishments, feels supported by their school community, and feels ready to take on any challenge presented to them." Rebekah Harriman-Stites, Board of Education Member

"feels good about themselves"." John Sullivan, Lead Teacher, Middle Gate Elementary School

"feels completely safe on our campuses, and that each student has connected with at least one trusted adult in their school to whom they feel comfortable reporting security and safety concerns." Mark Pompano, Director of Security

"gains the enthusiasm to return to learn and has grown in intellect, sensitivity and height." Ron Bienkowski, Director of Business

"feels safe, happy, and is appropriately challenged through Teaching to the Edges!" *Christopher Moretti, Principal, Hawley Elementary School* 

"has been provided with the individualized educational and social opportunities to be successful in achieving whatever personal goals that they may have set for themselves." *Tom Kuroski, Science Teacher, Newtown High School, President of the Teachers Union* 

"will have strengthened and broadened their creative mind through the arts." Michelle Hiscavich, Director of Performing and Fine Arts

"has a greater love of learning, believes they are a problem solver, their voice is valued, and that kindness matters." *Kathleen Gombos, Principal, Sandy Hook Elementary School* 

"feels melancholy about leaving their current grade and eager to jump into the challenges of the next." *Dr. Michelle Ku, Board of Education, Vice Chair* 

"understands the importance of kindness in their community." Daniel Cruson, Board of Education Member

"will have had at least one teacher who has made a positive and life-long impact on their lives." David Abbey, Interim Director of Human Resources

"will have grown as a digital citizen, always using technology appropriately, with empathy for others, and an awareness for personal safety online." *Carmella Amodeo, Director of Technology* 

"has engaged in meaningful and relevant learning experiences, felt respected and valued as members of the high school community, and discovered academic pathways that inspired their future college and career goals."

\*Dr. Lorrie Rodrigue, Principal, Newtown High School\*\*

"achieved his/her 'hopes and dreams' established at the beginning of the school year." *Christopher Geissler, Principal, Middle Gate Elementary School* 

"feels she/he has a connection with at least one trusted and caring adult in school and knows she/he has met the challenge of reaching newer and higher levels of academic and personal growth." Jean Evans Davila, Assistant Superintendent

## NEWTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2017-2018 SCHOOL CALENDAR SEPTEMBER OCTORER AUGUST 19(19) 22(22) NOVEMBER 19(20) \*6 3 8 10 11 12 13 8 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 13 14 15 16 17 20 27 18 19 22 23 24 25 26 27 20 21 \*22 29 30 28 26 31 28 29 30 31 25 30 4-Labor Day, Schools Closed 7-Election Day 23. 24 & 25 -Staff Devi 21-Rosh Hashanah-Schools Closed Students, Staff Development, Day arly Dismissal for Thanksgiving 28 Students Report 23-24-Thanksgiving Recess DECEMBER JANUARY 21(21) **FEBRUARY** 18(18) MARCH M \*12 10 11 23 24 21 20 21 22 19 20 \* 22 22 30 31 28 6-Early Dismissal-Staff Dev New Year's Day \*2 – 2-hr. delay-Staff Dev. \*13-Early Dismissal-Staff Dev \*22-Early Dismissal for holiday 25-29-Holiday Recess \* 12-Early Dismissal-Staff Dev. 19-20-Schools Closed 30-Good Friday, Schools Closed 15-Martin Luther King Day, Schools Closed Student Days - 183 APRIL JUNE 16(16) MAY 22(22) 5(5) The calendar builds-in five emergency closings, with the 10 10 12 last day of school projected as June 14th. Unused closings 11 13 11 24 25 26 21 22 23 24 25 18 19 20 21 22 will be deducted from this date. Extra closings will be 29 30 31 26 28 \*4-2-hr. delay - Staff Dev. 16-20- Schools Closed added on June 15, 18, 19 and 20 with additional days \* 18—2-hr. delay - Staff Dev :-Projected last day of school 28-Memorial Day- Schools Closed without emergency closing days taken from the April break starting with 4/20, 4/19, etc. if the 5 built-in days are used Adopted: February 7, 2017 Open House Dates: Conference Dates/Early Dismissal Times: Elementary – Sept. 5 & 6 Reed Intermediate – Sept. 7 gr. 5 / Sept. 19 gr. 6 Middle School – Aug. 30 gr. 7/ Aug. 31 gr. 8 mentary - Oct. 24, 25 26 & 27 - 1.07 p.m. dismissal.......Mar. 15 & 16 - 1:37 p.m. dismissal ed Intermediate - Oct. 24, 25, 26 & 27 - 12:20 p.m. dismissal.......Mar. 15 & 16 - 12:49 p.m. dismissal ddle School - Oct. 24, 25, 26 & 27 - 11:42 a.m. dismissal.......Mar. 15 & 16 - 12:02 p.m. dismissal High School – Nov. 14, 15, 16 & 17 – 12:02 p.m. dismissal.......Mar. 15 & 16 – 12:02 p.m. dismissal High School - Sept. 14

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