

New Bedford Public School counselors recognized during National School Counseling Week

New Bedford Public Schools is recognizing the work its school counselors do each day helping students realize their full potential and providing support to reach academic goals. National School Counseling Week, sponsored by the American School Counselor Association (ASCA), is celebrated this school week – Feb. 3–7, to focus public attention on the unique contribution of school counselors within U.S. school systems and how students are different as a result of what school counselors do. National School Counseling Week highlights the tremendous impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career.

In thanking NBPS counselors, Superintendent Thomas Anderson noted their important role in “enhancing our focus on teaching and learning to raise student achievement.”

District counselors received certificates of appreciation, presented by Dr. Kathleen Mackenzie, NBPS Supervisor of Clinical and Behavioral Services, who noted “Social Emotional wellness is a necessary foundation for optimal learning. Counselors are key players in supporting the social and emotional wellness of our students and are critical members of every school.”

“School counselors work with all students to remove barriers to learning by addressing students’ academic concerns, postsecondary options and social/emotional skills,” said Kwok-Sze Wong, Ed.D., ASCA executive director. “School counseling programs help to increase student achievement and provide a

much-needed resource for students, parents, teachers and administrators. School counselors are integral to student success."