

New Bedford Public Schools quickly shifts gears in wake of Alma Del Mar vote

In response to a May 31st letter from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Commissioner Jeff Riley informing New Bedford Public Schools and the Alma del Mar Charter School that the necessary legislation required to create the Alma II Charter would not be “enacted in sufficient time for New Bedford families to plan for September,” NBPS Superintendent Thomas Anderson has directed the impacted schools in the New Bedford Public School (NBPS) system to immediately reach out to affected families in order to provide clear communications regarding their children’s designated NBPS school for September 2019.

“Our work throughout this process has been in good faith and always with New Bedford’s children as the primary focus. Now that a decision has been made we are immediately returning to preexisting student allocations and implementing communications to ensure that all families know where their child will attend school this fall, and to answer any other questions they may have.”

Impacted families will receive a letter by June 6 informing them that they will be returning to their current school in the fall.

In addition, families of incoming kindergartners will receive phone calls today and tomorrow to remind them of the Kindergarten Welcome Day on Thursday, June 6. This is an informational day for all New Bedford Public Elementary schools to give families the opportunity to visit their schools and meet their principals and teachers.

Elementary School 5th grade promotional ceremonies:

- June 10: Rodman: 9:00 am; Lincoln: 9:00 am; Pacheco: 1:00 pm; Hayden-McFadden: 1:00 pm
- June 11: Swift: 10:00 am; Taylor: 1:00 pm; Brooks: 1:00 pm; Jacobs: 1:45 pm
- June 12: Ashley: 9:30 am; Parker: 9:30 am; Winslow: 10:00 am; Campbell: 10:00 am
- June 13: Gomes: 9:00 am; Carney: 9:30 am; DeValles: 9:30 am; Pulaski: 10:00 am
- June 14: Renaissance: 9:00 am (Gomes Gym); Hathaway: 9:15 am; Congdon: 9:30 am

Superintendent Anderson noted “we’re forging ahead unimpeded; this situation is behind us for now and we are fully focused on educating our students and supporting our staff.”

Additional information is posted on the district website, www.newbedfordschools.org