

**Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School District
Superintendent-Director Report
Friday, August 25, 2017**

William H. Lupini, Superintendent-Director

New Parent Orientation

Over 540 parents attended our New Parent Orientation program on Tuesday, August 22nd. Parents heard presentations on our CTE Programs (including the grade 9 exploratory program), the academic curriculum, supports available for students (special education, Title I, and ELL), student services, athletics and extra-curricular activities, and technology (including schedules and grade book).

Freshman Orientation

We welcomed over 350 members of the Class of 2021 for orientation on Thursday, August 24th. Students worked with our mentors and guidance staff to learn more about the school, our programs, the schedule, and to participate in team building exercises. Special thanks to Sandy Goldstein (Director of Guidance), Shannon Donnelly (Assistant Principal for Freshman and Admissions), Kelly Mello (Guidance/Admissions Counselor), along with Dan Connors and Michelle Harding (Freshman Guidance Counselors) for their efforts in putting together this important event.

New Teacher Orientation

Thanks to Joel Spruance (Teacher Induction Supervisor) for his work in putting together our New Teacher Orientation program, which was held from August 22nd through the 24th. These new hires learned about the school, our programs, student supports, technology, and how we support new educators during this valuable set of meetings.

Content Area Facilitators

As part of our FY2018 budget and administrative reorganization, we created five (5) roles to facilitate monthly content area meetings, along with the late start meetings and full-day professional development sessions not dedicated to NEASC. We are pleased to announce that the following teachers have been hired in these roles:

- English – Monica Roy
- History and Social Sciences – Jason Stark
- Mathematics – Stephanie (Enos) Weltier
- Science – Cammy Gansenberg
- Wellness – Matt Brucker

These teachers will also coordinate the ongoing review of curriculum maps, common assessments, and the selection and inventory of textbooks and other educational materials.

Beginning of the School Year

All teachers will report on Monday, August 28th. The school year begins for all students on Tuesday, August 29th. We are closed on Friday, September 1st.

Back to School Night

This annual event will be held on Wednesday, September 13th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Parents and guardians will follow a shorter version of their student's schedule and have an opportunity to visit both CTE and academic classrooms.