



## North Stonington Public Schools

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The School modernization project is underway. As I have stated a number of times, we will all need to be very patient and flexible over the next two years. I would like to make you aware of the following:

The first phase of the project will be the renovation of the gymnasium and the construction of the attached new middle/high school. As of Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, Central Administration will be located at the middle/high school. Beginning Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, the gymnasium area will be fenced in as it will become an active construction site. That will impact parking and eliminate the access to that area. It will also have an impact on parking and traffic flow to the elementary school. Mrs. Wilkison will be providing our elementary school families with information on new the traffic pattern as parents and buses drop off and pick up students during school days. It is expected that the middle/high school will be completed to begin moving furniture on March 4, 2019.

Due to the fact that the state budget didn't pass until late October, it had an impact on the start date of the project which will impact next year's calendar. We are anticipating it will take three weeks to transition the elementary and middle/high school for the second phase of the project in March, 2019. The Board of Education, teachers and administrators have been working on the 2018-2019 calendar for several weeks. On Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> the BOE unanimously approved the calendar for next year (attached).

The biggest change in next year's calendar is that each school has a separate calendar. You will notice some similarities between the elementary and middle/high school calendars and there will be some differences. The school year will begin a week earlier than normal for both schools. The biggest difference will be the placement of the April/Spring vacation which will be moved to March. There will be an overall break in March of three (3) weeks. However, it will be staggered so that the elementary school students and the middle/high school students will be out of school for two weeks respectively. The middle/high school will be out from Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup> through Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. They will return to the new school on Monday March 18<sup>th</sup>. The elementary school vacation will begin on Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> and end on Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Beginning on Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, the elementary school will be relocated where the middle/high school used to be. They will remain there until completion of the renovation of the elementary school, approximately one year. We are providing the 2018-2019 calendar in advance so that you can schedule family events and vacations accordingly.

As I stated earlier, we will all need to be patient and flexible over the next two years. Always keep in mind that at the end of the project phasing, we will have completely modernized schools free of the environmental problems that exist now.

Sincerely,

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