

# North Providence School Department

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## Message from Superintendent Morisseau

### WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! I hope you have had a restful and relaxing summer. It is always great to return to school refreshed and recharged, ready to face the challenges and experience the many joys that are ours as educators. As your new Superintendent of Schools, I am filled with anticipation and hope for what lies ahead of us this next school year. New beginnings are always exciting and the 2017-2018 school year is no exception!

There is no greater cause than educating our young people and helping to prepare them for the future. I am confident this will be a fantastic school year, and that we will all work together to make it so!

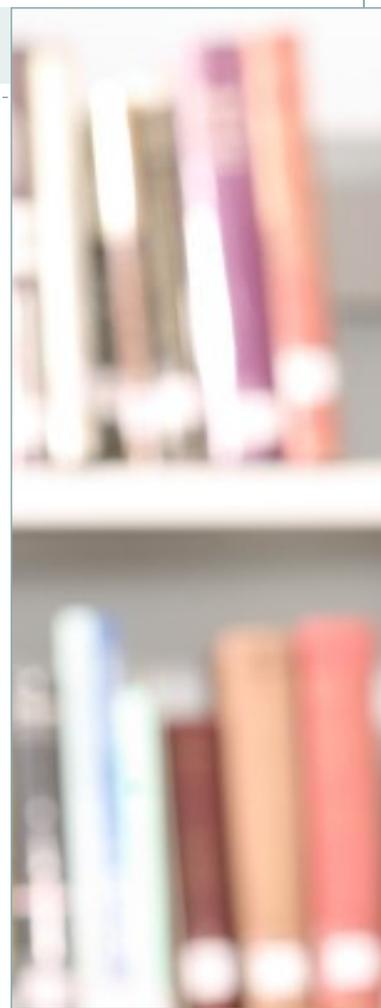
Our families are our partners in education. It is important for you to know that we value your contributions to our schools. We look forward to linking arms with you to provide every student in North Providence with the very best opportunities for success in life. Walking among us are brilliant mathematicians, breakthrough artists, the next great political leaders, and the students who are the first generation of their family to graduate high school and go on to college. Each year brings with it bright young minds, and we are thrilled to have them, as well as our returning students, back in our schools.

I look forward to meeting each of you throughout the 2017-2018 school year. Thank you for entrusting me with your children each and every day. It is an honor to serve as your Superintendent of Schools.

Sincerely,

*Bridget L. Morisseau*

Superintendent Morisseau



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- Our facilities are on the move in North Providence!
- We welcome over 3,800 amazing students to the 2017-2018 school year!



## IMPORTANT BACK TO SCHOOL DATES

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
Stephen Olney Elementary School Kindergarten and Family Open House	August 28	5:30-7:00 p.m.
McGuire Elementary School Kindergarten and Family Open House	August 28	6:00– 7:30 p.m.
Birchwood MS Grade 6 Open House	August 28	6:00-7:30 p.m.
Ricci MS Grade 6 Open House	August 29	5:00-6:30 p.m.
NPHS Freshman/Parent Orientation Night	August 29	5:45 p.m.
First Day of School– Kindergarten—> Gr. 9	August 30	Various start times
First Day of School—Grades 10-12	August 31	

## WHO’S WHO IN NORTH PROVIDENCE?

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## THE ROAD TO SUCCESS IS ALWAYS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Over the summer, we have made great progress toward our school construction goals! Stephen Olney Elementary School and McGuire Elementary School were both relocated to “swing spaces”. Stephen Olney Elementary School is temporarily being housed at the former St. Pat’s School located on Woonasquatucket Avenue in North Providence. McGuire Elementary School is temporarily being housed at the former Calef School in Johnston. The two “swing spaces” have undergone a remarkable transformation in preparation for the 2017-2018 school year. Both schools are fully equipped with the same technology and curricular materials that were found in the former Stephen Olney and McGuire schools.

Teams of educators, administrators, architects, school design specialists, construction specialists, and RIDE officials continue to meet to refine the plans for the two new schools that will be constructed on their original sites. Over the next 18-24 months, the schools will be taken down and new, state-of-the-art schools will be constructed. In addition to the two new schools, upgrades to our other schools will take place.

This is an exciting time for education in North Providence. We are so grateful for the support and generosity of the citizens of North Providence!

### DID YOU KNOW?

- There are 3,849 students enrolled in the North Providence schools.
- Educators and families can find a wealth of information about technology integration by clicking [here](#).
- Breakfast and lunch menus can be found by clicking [here](#).
- Bus information can be found by clicking [here](#).

The Mission of the North Providence School District, as an urban ring community with a strong neighborhood identity which recognizes its individual and cultural diversity and its sensitivity to the needs of the community, is to educate its students in a safe, nurturing, and challenging environment for successful entry into industry, business, or higher education by providing them with 21st century skills in academics, communication, technology, and the humanities, holding them to high expectations, and recognizing the needs of individual students in order to ensure they become productive and contributing members of a global society.