



New Directions School
Cutchins Programs for Children and Families
78 Pomeroy Terrace
Northampton, MA 01060

April 12th, 2024

Dear Guardians,

As we head into our Spring vacation week, New Directions School is preparing for the final stretch of our academic school year and our summer programming. I would like to provide some general information regarding the schedule for the summer session as well as notes on graduation and some of what guardians can expect as we transition into the final months of the academic school year.

We will be hosting New Directions School's next Parent Advisory Council meeting on **Tuesday, April 23rd at 7:00 PM**. The meeting will be held via Google Meets for all interested guardians and the link to attend is included at the bottom of this letter. A meeting invitation will be sent via email. Meeting information will also be provided within the PAC meeting agenda, which will be posted on our school website next week. PAC meetings provide a space for guardians to connect with their PAC Chairperson and myself to engage in discussion around the spring semester and present any questions you may have about our current programming and/or upcoming spring dates. Participants on April 23rd will determine the PAC's May meeting date/time. NDS is very thankful for the PAC's recent growth and we look forward to seeing more new faces at the upcoming meeting.

On **Wednesday, June 5th at 1:30PM** New Directions School will be hosting our annual graduation ceremony within College Church, located next-door to our campus at 58 Pomeroy Terrace in Northampton. The Class of 2024 will be honored by the New Directions School community and their guests at the ceremony. Further information regarding graduation and the senior class trip will be provided in our May newsletter. Important dates and information regarding New Directions School's end of year community events for students and families will also be included in the May newsletter.

Attached, please find your copies of the New Directions School 2024 - 2025 school calendar and our 2024 summer program schedule. Information surrounding our summer curricular focuses and the student field trip/events schedule will be sent out in May. Jenn Holes has sent out a survey via Google Forms to all guardians that requests the dates of any planned student absences during the summer program. The understanding of student absences due to camps, athletic events, or vacations supports us in creating our summer program curriculum and activities.

Once again, information surrounding our end of year schedule of events will be presented in the May newsletter. For New Directions School the spring semester is a time to celebrate student achievement and our school community. Please connect with myself or Michelle Otis via email or at 413-387-4736 with any questions or concerns surrounding the PAC meeting, next year's calendar or the summer program schedule.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Patrick Dineen', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Patrick Dineen
Director of Education