



Winchester Public Schools

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I welcome you and your families back to the 2017-18 school year! I continue to be shocked at how fast the days fly by! Our year is marked with opportunities for growth, of which the focus shall continue- instruction, inclusion, and supporting all of our learners, continues to be areas of focus for the entire district. I believe that it is critically important, especially during these times of national turmoil, that our children know that their schools, the learning environments where they spend their days and their teachers who work and support their learning are accepting of all and are safe places where everyone is included.

As in the past, the District is required to provide you with access to the current "Parent's Notice of Procedural Safeguards." The District is providing you with an electronic version of this document at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/sped/prb>. Please note that the "Parent's Notice of Procedural Safeguards" was revised in August 2013 to include information that satisfies the annual notice regarding the school district's use of Mass Health. If you are unable to access the electronic version of this document for any reason, and would like a copy, please contact Jean O'Halloran at 781-721-7005.

Please join me in welcoming Ms. Frances Wooff as the interim Special Education Supervisor at the McCall Middle School; Ms. Pamela Cremens will be acting as one of the Assistant Principals at McCall. I have every confidence that you will continue to find the Special Education Supervisors to be invaluable resources, please do not hesitate to contact them with any concerns or questions. The Special Education Supervisors are listed below:

Ms. Sarah Casey	781-721-7015	Preschool
Ms. Mary Ellen Madden	781-721-7013	Lincoln, Lynch
Ms. Christina DiMare	781-721-2474	Ambrose, Vinson-Owen
Ms. Lisa Mandaglio	781-721-7030	Muraco
Ms. Frances Wooff	781-721-7026	McCall Middle School (gr. 6-8)
Ms. Lisa Berard	781-721-7020	Winchester High School (gr. 9-12)

As we work together towards the common goal of providing your child with a free appropriate public education, I would encourage you to become involved in the schools whenever and however you are able. The Winchester Special Education Parent Advisory Council (Win -PAC) continues to actively seek participants who wish to work with us to support and promote our students educational needs. There is a calendar of events/workshops planned throughout the year, please visit winspecialdpac.com or winspecialdpac@gmail.com for more information (please be advised that the website is under construction should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me).

In closing, I wish you and your children a happy and healthy school year!

Sincerely,
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