



## *Winchester Public Schools*

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Dear Families,

The start of each school year is like a New Year's Celebration to me! The new supplies, new markers, binders, materials, and shoes... the newness of the school season and celebration of welcoming our students to another year of learning is magical for both adults and students. I think long and hard about my goals for the upcoming year and reflect upon what went well and not so well in the previous year; what I have determined, is that inclusion and accessibility for all are always the central themes for my goals and work. I believe that, we all are learners and that our environments and schools should foster and guide the development of the whole child with accessibility for anything that our children can imagine! Here's to inclusion for all ~ May the 2018-19 school year be one of the best years yet!

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 MassHealth. 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.

Last year, we welcomed Ms. Frances Wooff as the interim Special Education Supervisor at the McCall Middle School; this year, we welcome her as our Out of District Coordinator/Special Education Supervisor. Ms. Pamela Cremens will be returning to the Special Education Supervisor role at the Lynch and Lincoln Elementary Schools. Ms. Mary Ellen Madden will be the Special Education Supervisor at the McCall Middle School. 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. Pamela Cremens	781-721-7017/7013	Lincoln, Lynch
Ms. Christina DiMare	781-721-7012/7019	Ambrose, Vinson-Owen
Ms. Lisa Mandaglio	781-721-7030	Muraco
Ms. Mary Ellen Madden	781-721-7026	McCall Middle School
Ms. Frances Wooff	781-721-7005	Out of District Coordinator
Ms. Lisa Berard	781-721-7020	Winchester High School

Reflecting on our theme of inclusion, I invite you to consider joining/participating in the Winchester Special Education Parent Advisory Council (Win -PAC). Together we work towards the common goal of providing children 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](http://winspecialdpac.com) or [winspecialdpac@gmail.com](mailto:winspecialdpac@gmail.com) for more information

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

*Pam Girouard*

