

January 6, 2023

Dear Students, Staff and Families,

Happy New Year and Welcome Back!

It has been a dreary start to the new year weather wise, but I am encouraged by everyone's enthusiasm in returning to school feeling refreshed and ready to work.

I would like to give you some updates on ALICE training, school construction, School Committee Member applicants and Sports.

ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) Training District Safety Initiative Update

As you know, 23 individuals received training in November 2022. We are now preparing for our first ALICE training at the schools. Faculty and staff at Garvin Memorial and JJ McLaughlin Cumberland Hill Elementary Schools will be receiving their first session of training on Wednesday, January 11, 2023.

School Construction

Our construction projects at Community, Ashton and Garvin have been moving forward over the holiday break. Seeing the steel framing go up at the additions is the first real gratifying step in the construction process. As we work on these three projects, we are also in the planning phases now for the inside renovations at Ashton and Community and we are finalizing plans for BF Norton. Our expectation is that all of our completed projects will be on par as with our first effort at Cumberland Hill School.



Ashton School

School Committee Member Applicants

The Cumberland Town Council held a special meeting on Wednesday, January 4, 2023 to interview the 19 applicants. Two individuals withdrew their name prior to the meeting. Each applicant was given an opportunity to voice their reasons for wanting to become a member of

the Cumberland School Committee. Due to the resignation of Paul DiModica, the Town Council members will be voting to name a school committee member to finish out the current term which ends with the November 2024 election. The selection is expected to take place at the next Town Council meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 18, 2023.

Sports Update

Winter Sports are up and running in its first post-pandemic season at McCourt Middle School, North Cumberland Middle School and Cumberland High School.

All State Status

Individual Honors have started being named for Fall Sports and the following Student-Athletes have earned All State Status:

Boys Cross Country - Sam Henderson, Cole McCue

Girls Cross Country - Kiley DeFusco, Charli McCue, Annie Henderson, Grace Carr

Girls Soccer - Emma Kucal (Emma was also named an All American)

Boys Soccer - Nate Mederios

Football - Patrick Conserve

National Letter of Intent Day

Cumberland High School recently held its National Letter of Intent day for the 10 student-athletes who have decided to continue their academic and athletic careers at the collegiate level. Reilly Austin, Softball - Stonehill College; Erin Bessette, Softball - St. Michael's College; Grace Carr, XC/Track - Columbia University; Dmitry Dillon, Wrestling - RIC; Patrick Conserve, Football - URI; Scott Penney, Baseball - URI; Alex Iannuccilli, Baseball - RIC; Charlie Tarara, Baseball - Nichols College; Michael Bradshaw, Baseball - Merrimack College; Cole McCue, XC/Track - George Washington University



On the Horizon

The annual John D. Gorman Memorial Wrestling tournament will take place on Saturday January 14th at the Wellness Center.