

## **The School Committees Report: Debt Re-Financing Savings, Calendar Update, and Summer School**

### **Regional School Committee Re-Finances Debt for Savings**

Members of the Concord-Carlisle Regional School Committee voted unanimously to authorize the re-financing of long-term bonds to lower interest rates in an action that will save the District \$3.1 million over the life of the debt. The savings will be realized on an annual basis with approximately \$200,000 less in debt payments in each fiscal year until 2038. The action is possible due to the District's favorable bond rating which reflects the School Committees and Administration's strong financial practices and budgeting.

### **Calendar Update**

The 2021-2022 School Calendars were updated to co-name the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples and Columbus Day starting this October.

### **Summer School**

The plans for the upcoming summer school session were reviewed by members of the School Committees at their business meeting held on May 25<sup>th</sup>. The session will begin on Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup> and run for three weeks from 9am-Noon at the Willard School for CPS students and at CCHS and Ripley for high school students. Concord Recreation will offer a complimentary program for CPS students in the afternoon.

Students who attend include individuals in grades K - 12+ with Individualized Educational Plans (IEPs) which includes "Extended School Year" (ESY), Elementary-aged students who fall at or below benchmark in reading, all students K - 12 who are English Language Learners, and all students in the METCO program who will enter kindergarten in the fall 2021. Each year approximately 200 students attend the summer school session.

### **Upcoming School Committee Meetings:**

Tuesday, June 8	Joint Meeting
Tuesday, June 15	Joint Meeting

All meetings begin at 5pm and zoom links are available on the District website, [www.concordps.org](http://www.concordps.org). Minuteman Media Network videos all meetings which are available for viewing at either <https://concordma.gov/2335/Minuteman-Media-Network-MMN>, or at [www.concordps.org/schoolcommittee/](http://www.concordps.org/schoolcommittee/).

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### **The School Committees Contact Information**

**Concord School Committee** Alexa Anderson, Court Booth (Chair), Heather Bout (Vice-Chair of CCRSC), Fatima Mezdad, Cynthia Rainey (Vice-Chair of CPS)

**Concord-Carlisle Regional School Committee** is comprised of the five Concord School Committee members as well as two Carlisle representatives, Eva Mostoufi, and Sara Wilson (Chair, Regional School Committee)

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