

CONCORD

EDUCATION UPDATE

February/March 2026



Solar at The Ellen Garrison Building at CMS

The Concord Municipal Light Plant (CMLP) is working on the solar project at the “net zero ready” Ellen Garrison Building. CMLP is exploring procurement, transmission, installation, and ownership options. Click [here](#) to read more. At the 2/25 SC meeting, CMLP lead Jason Bulger [gave a detailed update](#) and the SC and the admin reiterated their support. Dr. Hunter has signed the “site license” and **a \$1.4M grant has been applied-for (by the schools)** to help with costs. Despite this, some are claiming “broken promises” - [this letter](#) is an example, asking “the school administration to finish the solar project”. While most agree that more solar is a good thing, it is important to note that this is a CMLP town project and open issues regarding installation, above-capacity power transmission, safety/avoiding school day disruption, and storage (batteries) remain unsolved.

Back in December 2024, CMLP presented this issue to the SC, covering the issues and complexities. Watch that [here](#).

Schools Launch Community-Wide Series to Confront Antisemitism, Bias, and Hate

Concord-Carlisle Public Schools, in partnership with local organizations, have launched a district-wide series of events focused on learning, reflection, and collaboration aimed at strengthening the community’s response to antisemitism, bias, and hate. This is important work and we are very pleased to see the community and the schools come together in this way. Click [here](#) for more.

SC Member Michael Williams Recognized

At the 2/25 SC meeting, State Rep Carmine Gentile announced that he was honoring Dr. Williams with a Black Excellence On The Hill award February 27 at the State House. Watch [here](#). As covered by the Patch, “Williams ran on a “Concord for All” campaign for the school committee, meaning that by working together, the community could create a school system that offers every student and their families what they need to thrive.” Congratulations to Dr. Williams on this great honor! Read more [here](#).

School Committee Race - Meet Drew Magliozzi!

The SC position will be uncontested, so the open position for SC will likely be filled by candidate Drew Magliozzi. Election Day is March 31. Please visit Drew’s website and try to attend the various planned upcoming campaign [events](#) to get to know Drew and share your questions and school priorities with him.

<https://www.drewforconcord.com/>

Concord Middle School Recognized for Return to Pre-Pandemic MCAS Performance

The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has recognized CMS for returning to pre-pandemic MCAS performance levels, highlighting student achievement gains following years of statewide educational disruption. Click [here](#) for more.

Path to the Ellen Garrison Building from the Rail Trail Gets SC Support

At the 2/25 SC meeting, a presentation was given by a PTG-led group on plans for a connecting path to be funded, designed and built. Watch the video [here](#). The SC expressed support and praised the group for raising money and all the work done to-date. This item will be added to upcoming meeting agendas for more reporting on progress and a vote by the SC.

Story of Our Schools: 2026 District Report Now Available

The latest *Story of Our Schools* report outlines district priorities, academic programming, student support initiatives, and progress toward strategic goals across Concord and Carlisle. Click [here](#) to view the report.

Local Students Deliver Valentine's Day Cards to Seniors

Thoreau elementary school students were featured on CBS Boston for delivering handmade Valentine's Day cards to local seniors, highlighting meaningful intergenerational connection and student-led acts of kindness. At the 2/25 meeting the students presented to the SC and answered questions. It was a great moment. Click [here](#) to watch the segment.

Stay Connected!

Please share this newsletter with neighbors and fellow community members, and consider joining our mailing list to stay informed about Concord's schools.

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More Upcoming Events Co-Sponsored by the Concord Public Schools and Concord-Carlisle Regional School District

Every Seed? Clarifying Concerns & Controversies About DEI and Education

This three-part, in-person series led by Dr. Carlos Hoyt will conclude at Concord-Carlisle High School on March 11, 2026, from 6:30–8:00 PM, exploring the meaning, challenges, and practical application of DEI in education, with optional Zoom follow-up discussions after each session.

<https://ccace.asapconnected.com/#CourseID=320650>

Understanding All the Letters: LGBTQIA+ Identities & Experiences in 2025

This free public program led by Robyn Ochs will be held on Tuesday, March 31, 2026, from 6:15–7:45 PM at the Concord Library Main Branch (Goodwin Forum), offering an overview of LGBTQIA+ identities and

experiences to support cultural competency across generations.

<https://ccace.asapconnected.com/#CourseID=320649>

Upcoming Dates

CSC School Committee Meeting: March 18, 2026

Annual Town Election: March 31, 2026

Joint School Committee Meeting: April 1, 2026

CSC School Committee Meeting: April 15, 2026

Annual Town Meeting: April 27, 2026

Joint School Committee Meeting: May 6, 2026

CSC School Committee Meeting: May 20, 2026

Joint School Committee Meeting: June 3, 2026

CSC School Committee Meeting: June 17, 2026

Details including location can be found [here](#).

Get Involved

As budget discussions and School Committee elections approach, now is a critical time to stay informed and engaged:

- Attend School Committee and Finance Committee meetings.
- Consider writing a letter to The Concord Bridge, the Select Board, or the School Committee sharing your perspective on Concord's schools.
- Talk with neighbors and fellow parents about the issues shaping our school community.

Join us!

Our goal is to inform and educate on issues related to education in Concord. Please pass this newsletter along or join our mailing list.

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