

CONCORD EDUCATION UPDATE



Newsletter

Back to School – Summer Catch Up - August 2026

We hope everyone had a great break. There were some education-related happenings over the summer and we hope this recap helps you stay informed and involved.

School Committee Meeting Tonight: August 26, 6PM

Be sure to attend on [Zoom](#) or in-person, to stay informed. Our School Committee members are elected volunteers who work hard on our behalf. You can access tonight's agenda [here](#).

Please Thank the CMS Building Committee: Their Last Meeting is Thursday 9/3 7:30AM

The new Ellen Garrison Building at Concord Middle School has been called one of the best-managed projects ever undertaken in Concord. \$7M under budget and opened on-time. This was not by accident. The volunteers (past and present) who served on the CMS Building Committee for 6+ years deserve a huge amount of credit – **and our thanks**. Please consider taking a few minutes to speak up on [Zoom](#) to convey your gratitude. This will be their LAST MEETING. You can also send them an email here: msbc@concordps.org

Click [here](#) for the Agenda and Zoom Link to their last meeting.

Parent Concerns Over Use of Technology Grows, MA Bell-To-Bell Ban Delayed

June: Increasingly, parents/caregivers are concerned about the use of technology and devices in our schools and have voiced these concerns at SC meetings. Several in-town advocacy groups have been formed, and the State is working out differences between the House and Senate versions of the [MA bell-to-bell ban](#). The SC is working on the issue, while also seeking state guidance on implementation, once/if/when the legislation becomes law.

The Concord Bridge covered this issue and you can read more [here](#).

New SC Chairs Elected

June: As reported in the Concord Bridge; "The Concord-Carlisle Regional District School Committee has elected Brian Waterson chair and Tracey Marano vice chair. The K-8 Concord School Committee elected Sandeep Pisharody chair and Andrew Herchek vice chair at the June 3 joint meeting."

Read more [here](#).

CMLP Says Solar Moving Forward at CMS

June: As reported in the Concord Bridge; "Despite not winning a state grant, plans are moving ahead with the rooftop solar project at the Ellen Garrison Building at Concord Middle School. Concord Municipal Light Plant Director Jason Bulger says CMLP is pursuing a private financing arrangement that could allow construction to begin this summer." Read more [here](#).

New Climate and Culture SC Working Group Formed to Address Bias and Hate

July: As reported in the Concord Bridge, "A new working group will recommend how the Concord-Carlisle Regional District School Committee monitors school cultural climate and the district's efforts to address bias and hate."

"While acknowledging the seriousness of bias incidents, (Andrew) Nyamekye said the district has made significant progress in creating an environment where students, families, and staff feel comfortable reporting them." "We have truly changed the culture," he said. Read more in the Bridge [here](#).

Principal Cameron Steps Down at CMS, Assistant Principal Dan Hausermann Fills Role

July: As reposted in the Concord Bridge, "Cameron said in an email to families that the decision came after accepting a central office leadership position with Ashland Public Schools, where he will help lead student services and special education." Read more [here](#).

CCHS Amenities Building Contract Awarded – Project Moving Ahead

August: Thanks to Community Preservation Act funds allocated for this project by the Community Preservation Committee, the School Committee awarded a contract for the bathroom building – **with no impact to taxpayers**. The CPA helps communities preserve open space and historic resources, create affordable housing, and develop outdoor recreational facilities to benefit the public. Want to learn more? Click [here](#). See coverage of the awarding of the contract in the Concord Bridge [here](#).

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. www.concordcommunityforgreatschools.com

Upcoming Dates

Joint School Committee Meeting: **Tonight**, August 26, 6:00PM Ripley
Joint School Committee Meeting Sept 9, 6:00PM 2026 Ripley
CSC School Committee Meeting: Sept 23 6:00PM CMS Library
Joint School Committee Meeting: Oct 7, 6:00PM Ripley
CSC School Committee Meeting: Oct 21 6:00PM CMS Library

Get Involved

It's important to stay informed and engaged. You can:

- Attend School Committee meetings in-person. [Schedule](#).
- 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.