

CONCORD EDUCATION UPDATE

JANUARY 2026



Event Jan 27: Building the Community We Want: Standing Together Against Bias and Hate

Community members are invited to an interactive evening on January 27 from 6:00-8:00 PM at Concord-Carlisle High School, featuring local organization spotlights, a facilitated session on confronting contemporary antisemitism by Facing History & Ourselves, and a community Q&A.

Register [Here](#).



SC OKs Budget Amid Fiscal Pressures, Staff Layoffs Coming

The Concord School Committee has approved a proposed FY27 budget that reflects the significant financial pressures facing the district. While the budget maintains core programming, it also includes staff layoffs. District leaders emphasized that this proposal balances educational priorities with the fiscal realities imposed by rising costs and constrained revenues.

Regional School Committee Chair Tracey Marano said the budget “ensures that programs and services for CCHS students are maintained at levels that meet student need” and the cuts will create “budget savings that are passed on to taxpayers in Carlisle and Concord.”

Read more [here](#).

School Committee Member Will Not Seek Re-Election

School Committee member Carrie Rankin has announced will not run for re-election this spring, creating an open seat and an opportunity for new leadership. In explaining the decision, the member reflected on the responsibilities of serving and gratitude for the community placing their trust in her. A big thank you to Carrie for her service!

Read the announcement [here](#).

Drew Magliozi Enters School Committee Race

Drew Magliozi has declared his candidacy for School Committee, citing a desire to support students, educators, and the long-term strength of Concord's schools. He noted the upcoming election will shape how the district navigates budget constraints, community debate, and strategic priorities in the years ahead.

Learn more [here](#).

Willard School Principal Announces Retirement

Willard School Principal Mat Lucey has announced that he will retire at the end of the 2025–26 school year. In a message to families, he reflected on his decades-long career in education and his nine years at Willard, expressing gratitude for the staff, families, and students who make the school community so strong. Superintendent Laurie Hunter will lead the process to identify Willard's next principal, with details to be shared in the coming months.

Read Mr. Lucey's letter [here](#).

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 take place at Concord-Carlisle High School on February 5, February 26, and 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.

Register [here](#).

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.

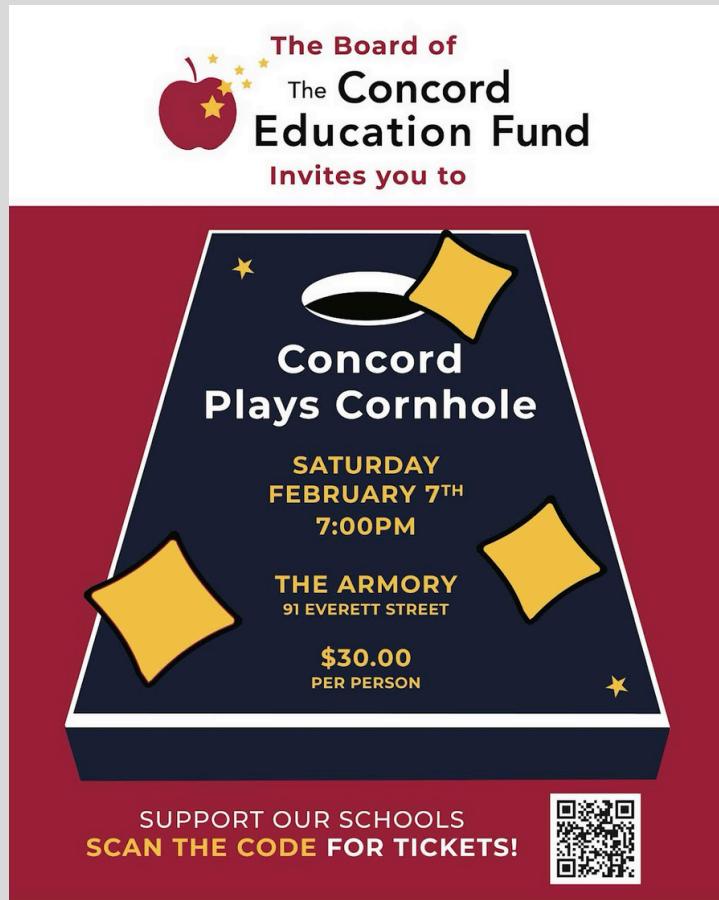
Register [here](#).

Community Corner

This section contains education-related items, not affiliated with CCGS.

Concord Education Fund Fundraising Event

Register [here](#).



Upcoming Dates

- Annual Town Caucus: January 26, 2026
- Joint School Committee Meeting: February 4, 2026
- CSC School Committee Meeting: February 25, 2026
- Joint School Committee Meeting: March 4, 2027
- 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

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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