

**NEWINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
200 GARFIELD STREET  
NEWINGTON, CT 06111**

Newington Town Hall  
**Helen Nelson Meeting Room**  
HYBRID MEETING  
Wednesday, April 3, 2024  
7:00 p.m.

Meeting ID  
[meet.google.com/dbt-cite-hqi](https://meet.google.com/dbt-cite-hqi)  
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**A G E N D A**

- A. Call to Order
  - Pledge of Allegiance
  - Roll Call
- B. Presentation of Awards/Proclamations
  - Resolution Honoring Newington Professional Secretaries
  - Everyday Hero
- C. Presentation
  - Ruth Chaffee School – Beverly Lawrence, Principal
- D. Public Participation on Any Matter Related to Board Responsibilities  
**(In Person/Via Telephone: 860-665-8659) - (Civil Participation Limited to 3 Minutes)**
- E. Standing Committee Information Items
  - 1. Report – Student Representatives (Isabella Longo, Megan Hintlian)
  - 2. Report – Finance Committee
  - 3. Report – Facilities Committee
  - 4. Report – Policy Committee (3/18/24)
  - 5. Report – Curriculum Committee (3/19/24)
- F. Other Business Information Items
  - 1. Transportation Update – Vacant Seat Program and New Britain Avenue
  - 2. Update – 2024-2025 Budget
  - 3. Report – Health Benefits Fund Performance
  - 4. Discussion/Possible Action – Changes to 2024-2025 School Calendar
  - 5. Discussion – New Policy – Sex Offenders on School Property
  - 6. Discussion – Revision – 4152.6 Family and Medical Leave Act
  - 7. Discussion – New Policy – Student Use of the District’s Computer Systems and Internet Safety
  - 8. Discussion – Revision – 6141.321 Technology & Instruction
  - 9. Discussion – New Policy – Use of Private Technology Devices by Students
  - 10. Discussion – Revision – 5131.81 Laser Pointers, Paging Devices, Cellular Telephones and Other Portable Electronics
- G. Public Participation on Any Matter Related to Board Responsibilities  
**(In Person/Via Telephone: 860-665-8659) - (Civil Participation Limited to 3 Minutes)**
- H. Remarks by Board Members
- I. Adjournment



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**RESOLUTION HONORING  
NEWINGTON PROFESSIONAL SECRETARIES  
April 3, 2024**

- WHEREAS,** Wednesday, April 3, 2024, has been proclaimed as Newington Professional Secretaries' Day; and
- WHEREAS,** the Newington Public School Secretaries are qualified and dedicated professionals who relate positively to students, staff and parents; and
- WHEREAS,** the Newington Public School Secretaries perform secretarial work of a complex, confidential and responsible nature; and
- WHEREAS,** the Newington Public School Secretaries set the tone for the school by their pleasant and courteous manner and prompt attention to questions and requests; and
- WHEREAS,** the Newington Public School Secretaries contribute to the success of the entire school system and are always willing to go above and beyond their assigned duties whenever necessary.

**THEREFORE, WE DO HEREBY PROCLAIM,**

Wednesday, April 3, 2024, as Newington Professional Secretaries' Day.

**BE IT RESOLVED:**

That we urge all of the citizens of our community to join with us in actively expressing gratitude to Newington Secretaries on this very special day.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

That the Secretary of the Newington Board of Education is directed to spread this resolution upon the minutes of this meeting and to provide a suitable copy for presentation.

Amy Perrotti  
Amy Perrotti, Chairperson

Jessica Weaver  
Jessica Weaver, Vice Chairperson

Shaun Holloran  
Shaun Holloran, Secretary

Meri Beatrice  
Meri Beatrice, Member

Brittany Carr  
Brittany Carr, Member

Tony Miele  
Tony Miele, Member

Sam Sharma  
Sam Sharma, Member

Tim Newton  
Tim Newton, Member

Anastasia Yopp  
Anastasia Yopp, Member



Date: March 28, 2024

TO: Members of the Board of Education

FROM: Dr. Maureen L. Brummett, Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION UPDATE**

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Mr. Dean Barnes, Supervisor of Transportation, will provide an update on the vacant seat program and New Britain Avenue bus stop requests.

Date: March 28, 2024

TO: Members of the Board of Education

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FROM: Dr. Maureen L. Brummett, Superintendent of Schools

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**SUBJECT: 2024-2025 BUDGET UPDATES**

Budget updates will be provided at the April 3<sup>rd</sup> Board of Education meeting.

DATE: March 28, 2024

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TO: Members of the Board of Education

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FROM: Dr. Maureen L. Brummett, Superintendent of Schools

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SUBJECT: **HEALTH BENEFITS FUND PERFORMANCE - FISCAL 2023/2024**

As of this date, we have not received the Health Benefits calculation report from the Town Finance Director. It is anticipated the report will be issued by the Town prior to the April 3<sup>rd</sup> Board meeting and will be shared with the Board upon receipt.

DATE: March 28, 2024  
TO: Members of the Board of Education  
FROM: Dr. Maureen L. Brummett, Superintendent of Schools  
SUBJECT: **POSSIBLE CALENDAR CHANGES 2024-2025**

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Based on the results of a staff calendar survey, I am recommending the following changes to the 2024-2025 school calendar:

- Move Middle School conferences from November 6, 7, 8, 2024 to **December 11°, 12, 13, 2024**
- **Change December 23, 2024** to Schools Closed/Offices Open
- Move PL day (early release) from February 11, 2025 to **February 4, 2025**
- Move Middle School **evening** conference from March 20, 2025 to **March 19, 2025°**
- Move PL days (early release) from May 13 and May 27, 2025 to **May 6 and May 20, 2025**
- Move tentative last day of school from June 13, 2025 to **June 16, 2025**

(° = Evening Conferences)

### **Recommended Motion:**

Move the Newington Board of Education adjust the 2024-2025 school calendar with the following changes:

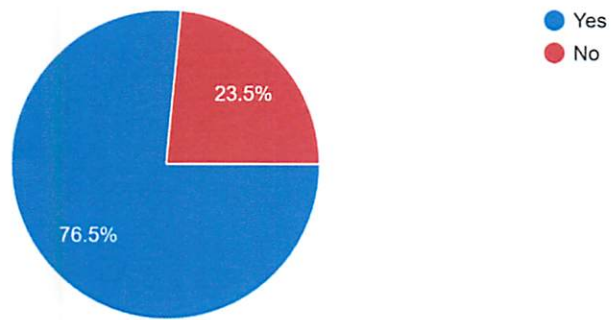
- Move Middle School conferences from November 6, 7, 8, 2024 to **December 11°, 12, 13, 2024**
- **December 23, 2024** will change to Schools Closed/Offices Open
- Move PL day (early release) from February 11, 2025 to **February 4, 2025**
- Move Middle School evening conference from March 20, 2025 to **March 19, 2025**
- Move PL days (early release) from May 13 and May 27, 2025 to **May 6 and May 20, 2025**
- Move tentative last day of school from June 13, 2025 to **June 16, 2025**



## STAFF SURVEY – 2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

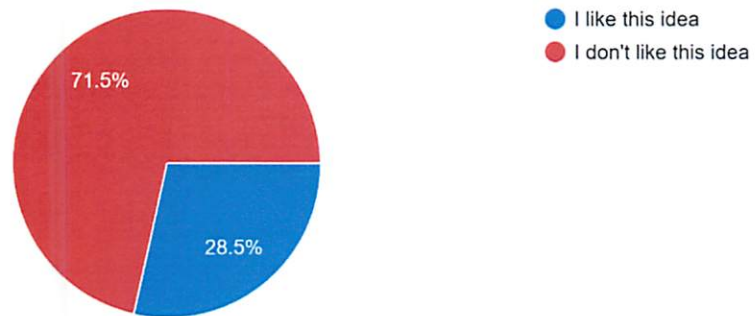
I prefer the suggested changes to the 2024-25 school calendar. I realize this moves the tentative last day of school from Friday, June 13 to Monday, June 16, 2025.

358 responses



Though not on the draft calendar, a suggestion has been made to make the Monday after Easter, April 21, a non school day for instructional staff and tentative last day of school to Tuesday, June 17, 2025.

358 responses





# Newington Public Schools

## 2024 - 2025 School Calendar

Adopted: June 14, 2023  
Amended: \_\_\_\_\_



August/September 2024 (22 Days)				
M	T	W	TH	F
PD	PD	PD	FD	30
H	3	4	5	6
9	PL	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	PL	25	26	27
30				

October 2024 (21 Days)				
M	T	W	TH	F
	1	2	H	4
7	PL	9	10	11
H	15	16	17	18
21	PL	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

November 2024 (17 Days)				
M	T	W	TH	F
				H
4	ED	HS°	HS	8
11	PL	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	H	H

December 2024 (15 Days)				
M	T	W	TH	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	PL	MS° ES	MS ES°	MS ES
16	17	18	19	20
V	H	H	V	V
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January 2025 (20 Days)				
M	T	W	TH	F
		H	2	3
H	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
H	21	22	23	24
27	PL	29	30	31

February 2025 (17 Days)				
M	T	W	TH	F
3	PL	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	PD
H	V	19	20	21
24	PL	26	27	28

March 2025 (20 Days)				
M	T	W	TH	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	PL	12	13	14
17	18	ES MS°	ES° MS	ES
24	PL	HS	HS°	28
H				

April 2025 (17 Days)				
M	T	W	TH	F
	1	2	3	4
7	PL	9	10	11
V	V	V	V	H
21	PL	23	24	25
28	29	30		

May 2025 (21 Days)				
M	T	W	TH	F
			1	2
5	PL	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	PL	21	22	23
H	27	28	29	30

June 2025 (11 Days)				
M	T	W	TH	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17*	18*	19*	20*
23*	24*	25*	26*	27*
TOTAL 181 DAYS				

LEGEND	
	First Day of School (Full Day) 8/29/2024
	Early Release or Conferences - See Schedule below
	Schools & Offices Closed
	Schools Closed /Offices Open
	Professional Development Day (No school for students)
PD : 8/26/24, 8/27/24, 8/28/24 (4 hr), 2/14/25	

SCHOOL HOURS		
	Regular Hours	PL and Early Release Hours
HS	7:34 a.m. to 2:27 p.m.	7:34 a.m. to 12:25 p.m.
MS	8:05 a.m. to 2:55 p.m.	8:05 a.m. to 1:05 p.m.
ES	8:40 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.	8:40 a.m. to 1:40 p.m.

### Early Release Days as Follows:

(° = Evening Conferences)

November 6° & 7, 2024 –NHS School Conferences  
November 27, 2024 – Thanksgiving Break – All Students  
December 11°, 12° & 13, 2024 –Middle School Conferences  
December 11, 12° & 13, 2024 – Elem. School Conferences  
March 19, 20° & 121, 2025 - Elementary School Conferences  
March 19° & 20, 2025 - Middle School Conferences  
March 26 & 27°, 2025 – NHS School Conferences  
June 16, 2025 –Tentative Last Day - All Students

### H = Holiday

Labor Day  
Rosh Hashanah  
Indigenous Peoples Day  
Diwali  
Election Day  
Thanksgiving  
Thanksgiving Break  
Christmas Eve

09/02/24	Christmas Day	12/25/24
10/03/24	New Year's Day	01/01/25
10/14/24	Three Kings Day	01/06/25
11/01/24	Martin Luther King Day	01/20/25
11/05/24	Presidents' Day	02/17/25
11/28/24	Eid al-Fitr	03/31/25
11/29/24	Good Friday	04/18/25
12/24/24	Memorial Day	05/26/25

### \*= Snow Makeup Days.

If additional days are needed, April vacation may be used or other available days as necessary.

### V = Vacation Day



DATE: March 28, 2024

TO: Members of the Board of Education

FROM: Mr. Stephen Foresi, Assistant Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT: BOARD POLICIES FOR REVIEW/DISCUSSION**

The Policy Standing Committee met on March 18, 2024 and recommended the policies below be brought to the Full Board for review, discussion and possible recommended revisions. If no revisions are requested, the policies will be brought back to the April 24, 2024 BOE meeting for vote/action. The policies are **linked** below.

Policy 1000 Series:

**F- 5-** [Sex Offenders on School Property](#) - This is a **NEW** policy

Policy 4000 Series:

**F-6** - [Family Medical Leave Act](#) (FMLA) - This is a recommended revision to our current policy [4152.6: Family and Medical Leave Act](#)

Policy 5000 Series:

**F-7** - [Student Use of the District's Computer Systems and Internet Safety](#) - this is a **NEW** policy that has implications on policy 6141.321 Technology & Instruction

**F-8** - [6141.321 Technology & Instruction](#) - revisions based on new policy: Student Use of the District's Computer Systems and Internet Safety

**F-9** - [Use of Private Technology Devices by Students](#) - this is a **NEW** policy that has implications or could replace policy 5131.81 Laser Pointers, Paging Devices, Cellular Telephones and Other Portable Electronics

**F-10** - [5131.81 Laser Pointers, Paging Devices, Cellular Telephones and Other Portable Electronics](#) - revisions based on new policy: Use of Private Technology Devices by Students