



North Haven Public Schools

North Haven, Connecticut 06473

"As a result of their experiences in the North Haven Public Schools, all students will acquire the skills necessary to meet the demands of the twenty-first century."



Dear Parents and Guardians;

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! I hope it was an enjoyable summer. I'm happy to report the year has gotten off to a smooth start in each school with both teachers and administrators pleased to have the students back. We're looking forward to a year focused on helping all students achieve at high levels. The first few days have set us off on a good course.

There are twelve new staff members in the district this year, with at least one new face in each building. Please join me in welcoming the following individuals to the North Haven Public Schools:

Christina Acompora	School Psychologist	Clintonville Elementary School
Kevin Secor	Grade 5	Clintonville Elementary School
Jennifer Nagel	Library/Media Specialist	Green Acres Elementary School
Zachary Rosenberg	Music	Montowese Elementary School
Megan O'Neil	Gr. 4/5 Integrated Day Tchr.	Ridge Road Elementary School
Cory Sekelsky	Special Education Teacher	North Haven Middle School
Kayla Bartolomeo	Special Education Teacher	North Haven Middle School
Charles Tripler	Social Studies Teacher	North Haven Middle School
Lauren Gray	Social Worker	North Haven High School
Marlene Fitzmaurice	Special Education Teacher	North Haven High School
Melissa Wong	Science Teacher	North Haven High School

We begin each year by developing our goals for students. During the 2017-2018 school year there are five "Essential District Wide Goals" that will serve as the focus of our work in every school, at every level. I'd like to share those with you. They are:

- **Goal 1** – By June 2018, there is evidence of measureable progress towards achieving the district's long-term goal of having a minimum of 85% or more of our students at every grade level performing at "goal" or higher as measured by their performance on the SAT administered in grade 11, and the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBAC) administered to all students in grades 3-8. Currently, on the Smarter Balanced Assessment 69.1% of North Haven students perform at "goal" on the language arts portion of the test, and 62.4% in the area of mathematics.
- **Goal 2** – By the spring 2018 administration of the SAT, the average English/Language Arts score for North Haven's 11th grade students will increase a minimum of 5-points from 542 to 547, and the average SAT score in mathematics will increase a minimum of 5-points from the 2017 average score of 524.
- **Goal 3** – By the spring 2018, a minimum of 70% of students in every grade 3-8 will achieve "goal" or higher on the Smarter Balanced Assessment in the areas of language arts and mathematics. (This represents progress towards our long-term goal have having a minimum of 85% of our students performing at "goal", or higher.)
- **Goal 4** – Students will write in every classroom every day.
- **Goal 5** – By the spring 2018, there will be a 10% increase in the number of students receiving special education and EL services achieving their growth target on state assessments.

Thank you for helping to get us off to a smooth start to the new school year. I speak for everyone, including our Board of Education, when I say that we look forward to working in partnership with you again this year to provide every student with a positive school experience both academically and socially. Please don't hesitate to contact me at any time if I can be of assistance. As always, thank you for your support and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Cronin, Ph.D.

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