

# WRHS SPECIAL EDUCATION

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER, SPRING 2023

## SPRING IS IN THE AIR

We hope this newsletter finds you well. Although there are still several weeks left of the 22-23 school year, we are well underway with our planning for next year. This letter provides information about MCAS and transition planning from our middle schools to high school and beyond.

## MCAS

We wanted to provide you with some information regarding the upcoming MCAS testing dates for the 2023 school year. The English Language Arts (ELA) portion of the MCAS took place on March 27th and 28th, while the Math portion will be held on May 17th and 18th, and the Science portion on June 7th and 8th. It's important to note that students will have the opportunity to attempt the on-demand at least three times. Retake options are in November and March of each school year. Teachers will be providing resources and support to assist with this process.

If needed, a cohort appeal may also be attempted after the three attempts. Please keep in mind that the cohort appeal is not a waiver, but rather another way for students to showcase their understanding and knowledge of the curriculum frameworks. There are several data points to consider with this appeal, which will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

## TRANSITION PLANNING

The WRHS special education team is actively preparing for the transition of incoming 8th graders. There are opportunities for these students to visit campus and tour the school, both in group tours in August and small groups with middle school special education teachers in June.

For those interested in learning more about the transition planning process from high school to post-secondary options, there will be a virtual transition fair on April 26th. Information on registration and speakers can be found at the bottom of the newsletter under upcoming

events. This is a great opportunity for students and families to learn more about what to expect in the post-secondary transition process and what resources are available to help.

# **WACHUSETT REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL VIRTUAL TRANSITION FAIR**

## **WHEN**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26TH, 6-7:30PM**

## **WHERE**

**THIS IS AN ONLINE EVENT.**

## **MORE INFORMATION**

Grade 8-12 and post-grad students and their families are invited to attend. The transition planning sessions focus on post-secondary planning to help prepare students with disabilities to live and work as independently as possible after high school.

### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2023 GOOGLE MEET**

**6:00-6:45-Tim Sindelar, Esq. Introduction to Guardianship in Massachusetts Q&A**

**6:45-7:30: Q&A Adult Transition Agencies**

**MRC: Mass Rehab Commission**

**CFLW: Center for Living and Working**

**DDS: Department of Developmental Services**

**Links:** [Pre-Registration \(optional\)](#).

[Guardianship](#)

[CFLW](#)

[DDS North Central](#)

[DDS Worcester](#)

[MRC](#)