

## GREAT NECK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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### Important Information about the New Optional Attendance Zone

Dear Parent/Guardian:

I am pleased to inform you that the Great Neck Public Schools Board of Education has established an optional secondary school attendance zone for the 2008-2009 school year. The parents of all students who live in the E.M. Baker and Saddle Rock attendance areas, whose children are currently in grades 5-11, and who are zoned to attend South Middle School and South High School may elect to have their child(ren) attend North Middle School or North High School, instead of South Middle or South High School. ***If you live in the optional zone (see the map at <http://www.greatneck.k12.ny.us/GNPS/Photos/optionalzonemap.jpg>) you are entitled to take advantage of this opportunity.*** Please note that all students who take the option to attend a north secondary school are eligible for transportation if they are beyond the "walker" limits to the chosen school.

There will be a number of occasions for you to learn more about North High School and North Middle School in the upcoming weeks. Representatives from each of these settings have planned several personalized special events to welcome you to their buildings. A calendar of events appears on the back of this letter.

Regardless of whether or not the optional attendance zone continues in future years, younger siblings will be able to attend the same secondary schools as their older brothers and sisters when they reach middle or high school age. Should you elect to have your child attend North High School or North Middle School, please complete and submit the enclosed ***Optional Attendance Zone Secondary School Choice Form*** by April 4, 2008. Written approval of your request will be sent in writing on or about April 11, 2008. Please contact us at 773-1411 if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



DR. RONALD L. FRIEDMAN  
Superintendent of Schools

## Scheduled Informational Sessions – Learn About Our North Secondary Schools!

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>North Middle School Principal’s Tea:</b> Informational session and building tour for parents considering the North Middle School option for children currently in grades 5-7. Questions? Feel free to call the principal of North Middle School, Denise Nolan, at 773-1570. Students are welcome to come with you!	Attend any of these four sessions: Monday, March 10, 2008 10:00 AM, 7:00 PM -or- Monday, March 17, 2008 10:00 AM, 7:00 PM	North Middle School Library
<b>North High School Gathering and Tour:</b> Small group informational session and building tour for parents considering the North High School option for children currently in grades 8-11. Questions? Feel free to call the principal of North High School, Bernard Kaplan, at 773-1513. Students are welcome to come with you!	Attend any of these three sessions:  Wednesday, March 12, 2008 9:00 AM, 1:00 PM, 7:00 PM	North High School Lecture Hall

Listed below are the regular orientation sessions that are scheduled at North High and North Middle for incoming 9<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders, respectively. If you wish, you may attend one of these sessions to learn more about the school. If you decide to choose the north option after these dates have passed, don’t be concerned; we will hold special orientation sessions for you and your children at a later date.

Orientation for incoming 6 <sup>th</sup> graders and their parents.	Tuesday, April 8, 2008 7:30 PM	North Middle School Auditorium
Orientation for incoming 9 <sup>th</sup> graders and their parents.	Tuesday, March 18, 2008 7:30 PM	North High School Auditorium

In addition to the above meetings, staff at North High and North Middle schools will happily take your telephone calls to discuss any questions you may have about the optional zone plan, or about any aspect of the schools. Contact numbers are provided below:

- North High School Principal Bernard Kaplan: 773-1513
- North High School Guidance Head Dr. Arthur McCann: 773-1528
- North Middle School Principal Denise Nolan: 773-1570
- North Middle School Guidance Head Bonnie Bleck: 773-1577

**Optional Attendance Zone  
Secondary School Choice Form**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Current School: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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I request that my child, \_\_\_\_\_, attend

NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL      NORTH HIGH SCHOOL  
(Circle One)

for the 2008-2009 school year. I understand that whether or not the optional attendance zone continues in future years, when younger siblings reach middle or high school age they will be able to attend the same secondary schools as their older brothers and sisters. I also understand that any request to return to South High School or South Middle School must follow the waiver process as defined in Board of Education Policy 5110, *School Attendance Areas*.

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Parent/Guardian's Name (please print)

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Parent/Guardian's Signature

Should you elect to have your child attend North High School or North Middle School, please complete and submit this form by April 4, 2008 to:

Dr. Stephen C. Lando  
Executive Director for Secondary Education  
Phipps Administration Building  
345 Lakeville Road  
Great Neck, NY 11020

Written approval of your request will be sent in writing on or about April 11, 2008.