



August 18, 2025

Dear North River Collaborative Team Members,

Welcome to the start of a new school year and the 50th Anniversary of North River Collaborative! The growth in our small organization over the past couple of years has been remarkable. Every program or department has worked hard to not only expand but also to refine our practices and continue to serve our students at the highest level. A crucial tool in this growth has been the roadmap laid out for us by our North River Collaborative Student Success Plan. This year, we would like to take a moment to pause and reflect on this plan, in particular, our mission statement:

"North River Collaborative will act as a leader in cooperatively developing and delivering innovative and cost-effective educational and therapeutic services for students, families, school districts, partner organizations, and communities in order to offer excellent, equitable, and highly relevant education for all."

Everyone in our organization has a place in this mission statement and has a key role in continuing the commitment to being the standout educational model in our region and upholding the reputation that North River Collaborative carries. As an educational collaborative, we carry a responsibility to provide high level support and customer service to students, parents, district staff, and community stakeholders whose perceptions of us all matter and guide the partnerships that we create.

Details about the staff orientation meeting where we are looking forward to sharing information and welcoming you back for a great school year are listed below. All staff are expected to attend this meeting as well as your respective meetings in the afternoon with your individual coordinators. The 8:30am orientation meeting should be finished early enough for there to be plenty of department/program based time for reviewing some start of school information and for preparation of classrooms and/or materials. More information will be forthcoming from your individual coordinators as far as time and location for your department/program meetings following orientation. All NRC students will begin school on Tuesday, August 26, 2025.

DATE: Monday, August 25, 2025

**PLACE: North River School and Conference Center
525 Beech Street, Rockland, MA**

TIME: 8:00 am – Arrival and Sign-In 8:30am– Orientation Presentation

Parking is limited at the Conference Center. If you are unable to find space, shuttles will be available from the Almshouse at 198 Spring Street. Please arrive early so we ensure that everyone gets settled and we can begin on time.

By the end of the first week of school (Friday, August 29th), please visit the staff resource page on our website, <https://northrivercollaborative.org/staff-resources/>, to review the Mandatory Training documents that have been presented at our orientation and sign and return the verification signature page electronically through email. The signature page will also be sent to you via BLUEINK by Kelli O'Brien McKinnon. We will also have sick bank sign-up and sunshine fund forms available at orientation.

Sincerely,

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