



August 12, 2026

Dear North River Collaborative Team Members,

Welcome to the start of a new school year! We are looking forward to our upcoming staff orientation meeting, which is always a very important day for me because it is one of our very few chances to have everyone in the same place at the same time. Despite being spread out supporting students in our many program and service locations, we do a great job at keeping focused as a community and this day is about being able to come together to enjoy time with one another and show our full strength!

We are also very excited to be conducting a **non-perishable food item or hygiene item drive** at our orientation! The items will be used for our North River Assistance Program (NAP) pantry that we use for North River students and staff who are in need. If you bring an item or multiple items you will receive tickets for entry into three prize drawings that day...an Amazon gift card, a Dunkin gift card, or scratch ticket bonanza!!! Please help to support this great program here at North River. We will also have **North River apparel** available for purchase and samples out during orientation.

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 25, 2026.

DATE: Monday, August 24, 2026
PLACE: North River School and Conference Center
525 Beech Street, Rockland, MA
TIME: 8:00 am – Arrival and Sign-In 8:30am– Orientation Presentation

By the end of the first week of school (Friday, August 28th), please visit the staff resources page on our website, <https://northrivercollaborative.org/staff-resources/>, to review the mandatory training documents that will be presented at our orientation and access the mandatory training, sick bank sign-up, and sunshine fund forms. The mandatory training signature page verifies that you have read and understood the full content of the mandatory training. We will have mandatory training, sick bank sign-up, and sunshine fund forms available at orientation for you to sign and quickly take care of that day as well. All updated mandatory training documents and signature pages will be posted on the staff resources page by the end of the day on Tuesday, August 18th should you wish to review them prior to orientation day.

Sincerely,

Paul Tzovolos

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Executive Director

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