MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND FRIENDS OF NEC PRESIDENT:

Dear Northshore Education Consortium Friends;

We are pleased to share this report highlighting the activities and accomplishments of the 2017-2018 school year.

Northshore Education Consortium remains committed to the core mission of providing high quality, cost effective public programs, support services, and resources to assist member districts in meeting the needs of students who require specialized educational services.

This past year was a banner one for our Collaborative. Our public day programs served over 500 students, from 20 member and 40 non-member districts. We saw excellent outcomes in terms of student progress, we provided training and consultation to support our member districts, and we remained financially stable! And, we were especially proud that forty-three students graduated from our three high schools with diplomas from their districts.

Some highlights of the year included the integration of the Topsfield Vocational Academy into our array of services, and the purchase of the property on Boston Street in Topsfield. We also completed the Lobby Renovation at 112 Sohier Road, improving security and creating a more functional and welcoming space for our students and families.

We are extremely proud that in addition to following the curriculum frameworks in the core academics areas and addressing student IEP goals, we also provide numerous opportunities for students to participate in the arts, sports, community field trips, internships and vocational opportunities, and a wide range of enrichment activities.

We remain ever grateful to you, our generous supporters as it is a challenge to maintain this level of enrichment while keeping our tuition rates competitive and affordable for our member districts. We couldn’t do it without your generous philanthropic support. During the 2017-2018 school year, Friends of NEC raised $293,890 through grants and private donations. This enabled us to provide extensive staff training, purchase new technology and sensory equipment and support a wide range of extracurricular and enrichment activities without having to utilize tuition revenue.

We feel privileged every day to work with such talented colleagues, students, and families. We know that they share our appreciation for all of you and the ongoing support of our north shore community.

With thanks and appreciation,

Francine Rosenberg
Executive Director

Graham Bacheller, President, Friends of NEC

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FY 2018 FAST FACTS

- Schools.
- Home-training services from NEC enabling them to remain in local home programs.
- Additional transportation costs) by sending a student to an NEC program. (All rates are based on OSD FY 2018 data, compared to NEC 2018 rates, and are based on daily/how much need they have).

Cost/Benefit Analysis:
- Workshops and seminars.
- Employees, benefited from our regional professional development conferences, in addition to our own NEC professionals, in the areas of culinary arts and carpentry, and a wide variety of community education and service programming.
- Based on daily/how many days a program is attended, and are based on daily rates for day programs, and rounded to the nearest dollar).

An additional 76 students received school based, consultation, vision or home-based vocational internships.
- Northshore Academy Upper School served 142 students from 37 districts with 19 graduates.
- Northshore Academy Lower School served 58 students from 25 districts with 40% return to home districts.
- Recovery High School served 54 students from 26 districts with 11 graduates.
- Embark served 16 students from 7 districts with 6 graduates.
- SOAR served 24 students from 15 districts with 12 graduates.
- STEP served 12 students from 8 districts with 2 graduates.
- Topsfield Vocational Academy served 73 students from 27 districts with 11 graduates.

Professional Development:
- 150+ professionals, in addition to our own NEC employees, benefited from our regional professional development conferences, workshops and seminars.

Changes of note:
- In July 2017, the Topsfield Vocational Academy (TVA) was fully integrated into the Consortium. The TVA provides hands-on vocational training to middle and high school students who benefit from social, emotional, and behavioral health interventions to achieve their educational goals. In addition to academic and clinical programming, TVA features on-site vocational shops and educational and enrichment opportunities for our students;
- The Consortium purchased the property that is home to the Topsfield Vocational Program located on Boston Street in Topsfield.
- The renovation of the lobby at 112 Sohier Road was completed enhancing security and creating a more functional and welcoming space for students and their families. The Family Center was relocated from the second floor to the first floor during this renovation allowing this space to be a true resource for families as a drop-in center, a lending library and a designated area for parent workshops and seminars.

FY 2018 Philanthropy Breakout

- Philanthropic Development:
  - Revenue of $293,890
  - $42,770 donated to our Tribute Program
  - $29,600 received from grants (supporting technology, staff training, much-needed equipment for our vocational programming, and outdoor programming including both day and overnight expeditions)
  - $36,125 donated through our annual appeal; our highest year ever
  - $17,885 in proceeds generated through the running of our annual road race, the Festivus 5K for Autism, went to support educational and enrichment opportunities for our students; this was our most successful race ever
  - $29,640 was raised with special thanks to Lincoln Investment of Beverly, MA for the 1st Invitational Golf Tournament held on our behalf
  - Linzee and Beth Coolidge presented the Friends of NEC $150,000 to be spent over a three-year period for purposes specific to advancements in technology, sensory integration, the arts, and the building of a rock climbing wall. Funds were granted in July 2017 from the Belinda Fund. The Coolidge’s have significantly impacted our advancements in technology, sensory integration, the arts and adventure programming. A million thank you’s to Linzee and Beth for their interest in us, belief in what we are doing and life changing support for our students!

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