

Superintendent message to NSBORO families June 4, 2025 through Parent Square:

Dear Parent(s) and Caregiver(s),

I am pleased to announce that the Director of Student Support Services Search Committee for The Public Schools of Northborough and Southborough has completed reviewing applications and selecting candidates. Two rounds of interviews were conducted, and as a result, Ms. Helene Desjardins was selected to move forward as the finalist. Ms. Desjardins will visit Algonquin Regional High School on Monday, June 9, 2025. The site visit schedule allows parents, community, and school committee members to meet the finalist and provide feedback to the District. The District wishes to acknowledge the commitment and dedication of the Search Committee.

Ms. Desjardins brings over 17 years of experience supporting students, families, and educators within The Public Schools of Northborough, The Public Schools of Southborough, and The Northborough-Southborough Regional School District. She currently serves as the Assistant Director of Student Support Services across all three districts, a role she has held since 2021.

Before her current role, she served as a Team Chairperson in Southborough, coordinating referrals, evaluations, eligibility determinations, and Individualized Education Plan development in close partnership with families and staff. Her career in education began in 2007 as a Speech-Language Pathologist at the elementary level in Northborough, where she provided direct services to students with a wide range of disabilities.

Ms. Desjardins holds a Master of Science in Communication Sciences and Disorders from Worcester State University and a Bachelor of Arts in Social and Rehabilitation Services from Assumption College. She is licensed as a Special Education Administrator and Speech-Language Pathologist in Massachusetts and has completed the School Management and Leadership Certificate from Harvard Business School.

Ms. Desjardins has demonstrated a commitment to inclusion, collaboration, and continuous improvement throughout her career. Her experience and student-centered leadership position her well for this next step.

On behalf of The Public Schools of Northborough and Southborough, I extend an invitation to meet Ms. Desjardins and learn more about her background and vision for the role. The Northborough, Southborough, Northborough-Southborough Regional, and Superintendency Union #3 School Committees will conduct a final interview with Ms. Desjardins at their Combined Open Meeting on Monday, June 16, 2025, at 6:30 PM.