



March 17, 2017

William Whalen III, Principal
Dr. Kevin M. Hurley Middle School
950 Newman Street
Seekonk, MA 02771

Dear Principal Whalen,

I want to thank you for the time and hospitality provided to our visitation team on March 13, 2017 as part of your Spotlight School application process. I am pleased to inform you that Dr. Kevin M. Hurley Middle School has been awarded Spotlight School status. This decision is based upon evidence and observations made during the recent visit.

The reviewers observed a variety of indicators that make it evident your school continues to make progress and is committed to effective instruction, collaboration, teaming, and a solid understanding of the young adolescent.

The New England League of Middle Schools would like to commend Dr. Kevin M. Hurley Middle School on the following:

- An exemplary school climate,
- A clean and attractive school facility,
- Teacher and student empowerment through a collaborative leadership model,
- Supportive learning environment for all students,
- Use of the Google Platform to embed technology into instructional plans,
- Innovative programs that give voice to all stakeholders: Lobby Hours, *The Warrior Way*, student and teacher leadership teams,
- Comprehensive student support services,
- A variety of inclusive extra curricular activities for students.

In order to continue your improvement and commitment to best middle level practices, NELMS makes the following recommendations:

- Investigate options to increase team-meeting time from 2x/6 days to a daily meeting model.
- Explore opportunities to development and implement an Advisory or Advisory-like program so that each student is known by and guided by an adult advocate.

Please note that renewal of your Spotlight School status in three years is contingent upon successful implementation of the above recommendations.

We are pleased to count Dr. Kevin M. Hurley Middle School among the thirty-five Spotlight Schools throughout New England. If you wish to make arrangements for a Spotlight School banner presentation, please contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jerome Frew". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

Jerome Frew
Executive Director

cc. Kathleen Hill, Spotlight Schools Coordinator
Arlene Bosco, Superintendent, Seekonk Public Schools