



# Manager's Report

December 15, 2025

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Town Manager



Town of  
**North Kingstown**  
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## School Department Capital Bond Projects

- Significant progress is taking place on the North Kingstown School Department's CIP and Middle School Capital Bond Projects.
- I participated as a member of the Interview Committee for the Construction Manager at Risk, and the Building Advisory Committee supported the Interview Committee's recommendation of Shawmut.
  - This was voted on earlier this evening by the School Committee and it on tonight's Council Agenda for approval as well.
- Updates were received from Perkins Eastman and Peregrine Group at our Building Committee Meeting last week:
  - Stage II is being voted on by RIDE tomorrow evening and works continues for a Stage III submission in January 2026.



## Public Safety Complex Bond Projects

- We are continuing progress with the Public Safety Complex Bond projects as well.
- We are currently in the bid process for a Construction Manager at Risk.
  - A pre-bid meeting was well-attended; all bids are due 12/19.
  - Interviews will follow in mid-January 2026.
  - It is our goal to approach the Council with a bid award in late January.



## Updates

- We continue with regularly scheduled meetings with Revolution Wind regarding their Offshore Wind Farm.
- Onshore work is minimal, with 30 – 40 employees on site. Onshore energization is slowly taking place.
- Offshore turbine construction continues.
- We anticipate first PILOT rental payment this month.
- Energy to the grid is expected in late 2026, which would trigger the Personal Property and Host Community Agreement payments.

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Wind**

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## Updates

- I want to thank the North Kingstown Chamber of Commerce, the many sponsors, and our Police and Fire Departments, as well as our outstanding Public Works team (Adam Littlefield, Joe Paquet, Kyle Wicker, and Brian Boettger) for a very successful tree lighting on December 4<sup>th</sup> in Wickford's Updike Park.
- With over 6,000 lights on our tree this year, it looks outstanding.
- The efforts of everyone above resulted in a very enjoyable and successful night. Thank you!

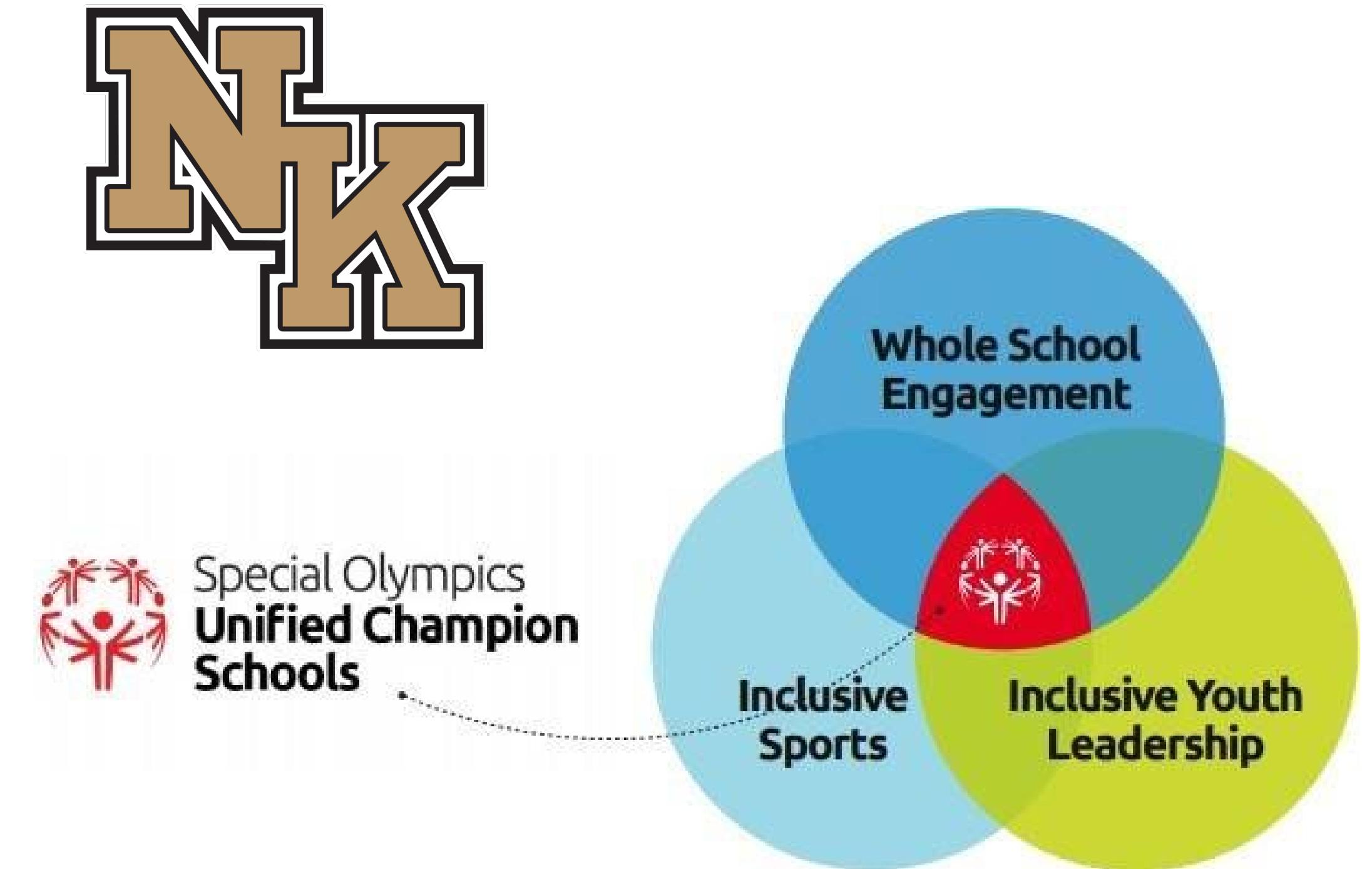


## Updates

- I want to, once again, congratulate our North Kingstown School Department as they were recognized by the Special Olympics as a Unified Champion School.
- I was honored to participate and join Superintendent Duva in speaking at last week's impressive ceremony.
- Congratulations to our students, teachers, athletes, and administrators on this incredible award and achievement.



Special Olympics  
**Unified Champion  
Schools**



**A program for schools that intentionally promotes meaningful social inclusion by bringing together students with and without intellectual disabilities to create accepting school environments, utilizing three interconnected components.**

## Updates

- As a member of the Executive Board of the RI League of Cities and Towns, I attended the November Executive Board meeting for what was a busy agenda and included an interesting presentation on legislation that is being introduced for Recycling Reform.
- It would, on a voluntary basis, allow residents to maximize their recycling, resulting in an extension of the life of the landfill and collective savings for our cities and towns amounting to hundreds of thousand of dollars.
- I had the opportunity to speak with the presenters and will continue to follow this legislation with updates to Council at future meetings as information becomes available.



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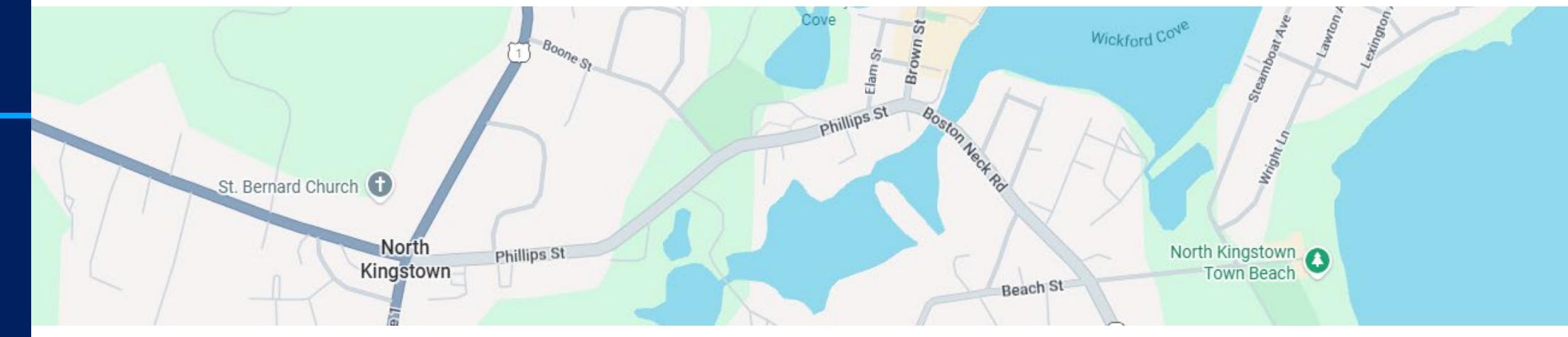
## Updates

- We had a meeting of our Audit Committee last week.
- According to our Auditors, a 30-day extension will be needed to complete and submit our Fiscal Year 2025 Audit to the Auditor General, as result of the consolidation of Marcum and CBIZ, requiring additional testing and controls on their end and reflecting a change in reporting requirements and software upgrade at RIDE which has delayed the School Department in submitting information.
- At my request, CBIZ will still provide me year-end financials by 12/31, so as not to delay Fiscal Year 2027 budget projections.



## Update: RIDOT

- We met with RIDOT recently, and they have agreed to push up paving on Phillips Street to be earlier than originally projected. The schedule will depend on whether the Town and School Department will utilize Phillips Street to connect sewers to the new middle school.
- RIDOT's plan is to mill and level a paving course for the remainder of Phillips Street to the intersection of Ten Rod Road and Boston Neck, sometime in the spring or early summer of 2026.
- Additionally, this morning, I spoke with RIDOT Director Alviti and his project staff for an update on the Devil's Foot Road project.
  - RIDOT has had issues with Amtrak and utility relocation which has delayed the reopening of this bridge.
  - I explained our concerns regarding school bus routes, delays in residential access, and our public safety agreement with East Greenwich – they were very understanding and reiterated their commitment to doing all they can to address these concerns and get the bridge re-opened.
  - Director Alviti will be reaching out to the Federal Secretary of Transportation as this bridge is one of many being impacted by Amtrak delays.
  - RIDOT will keep me up to date every two weeks; they anticipate it re-opening sometime between the end of Feb. & mid-April 2026, based on Amtrak cooperation and weather impacts.



## Update

- The solar array proposed for the roof of the North Kingstown Food Pantry expansion project has been approved.
- As this is a Town-owned building, I had signed the agreement allowing this to be installed in 2026.



## Update: Recreation Department

- Congratulations to Recreation Department Director, Chelsey Dumas-Gibbs, for utilizing a RI Trust Scholarship to complete the 8-hr Certificate Management Program in Culture, Communication & Conflict.
- **Event Reminder:** The Recreation Department's annual New Year's Day plunge at our Town Beach will be on Thursday, January 1 at 1:00 p.m. sharp. The event will start at 12:30 p.m. -- no registration is required, but you're welcome to pre-purchase event t-shirts and sweatshirts for adults and youth *before December 17th*:

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# Thank you.

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