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## Congratulations Natick High School!

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Hello all,

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer and hopefully a little rest and relaxation! We are thrilled to begin the new school year and especially excited to honor your school for your great accomplishments in 2018-19!!

Once again, [Congratulations to Natick High School](#) for receiving National Banner recognition for meeting/achieving national standards of excellence in the areas of inclusion, advocacy and respect! The athletes, partners, students, coaches, volunteers, teachers, staff and administration at Natick have all played key roles in creating a social climate where everyone feels included and respected for who they are. We are honored to have such a strong and fully inclusive school be recognized for the hard work and determination you have demonstrated to grow your program to the outstanding one it is today, and we look forward to new heights it will reach tomorrow and years to come!

You are **one of only sixteen schools** in Massachusetts and 179 schools nationwide to achieve this status for the 2018-19 school year. Well done, Natick High School!

### ***MA Schools reaching National Banner Status:***

Andover High School

Canton High School

Grafton High School

Marlborough High School

Martha's Vineyard Regional High School

Middleborough High School

Natick High School

Needham High School

Norton High School  
Oakmont High School  
Seekonk High School  
Shrewsbury High School  
Somerset Berkley Regional High School  
Wahconah Regional High School  
Walpole High School  
Worcester Technical High School

You can also find a link here on our national website that lists all schools nationwide receiving this honor.

## Unveiling the Banner

Your school will be receiving a banner to honor this recognition. It is our hope and desire that you will **also** want to celebrate this big honor with your entire school thru a school-wide assembly, pep rally or other special event. We would be happy to share some ideas on how it can be extra special. A few ideas include:

- cheer tunnel to welcome the Unified Team Members
- band and cheerleaders pumping up the crowd
- a video showing your school's inclusion thru clips of Unified games, practices, unified clubs, pep rallies etc.
- a few words from a Unified Pair on what this honor means to them
- a few words from coach/admin
- create a town-wide proclamation as Unified Champion Schools Day
- unveiling of the banner!

We want to share in your big day as well! Please let us know when and how you plan to celebrate this remarkable achievement and we will do everything we can to support you!

Attached is a letter from Tim Shriver, Chairman of Special Olympics International and Marc Edenzon, Regional President and Managing Director of Special Olympics North America, congratulating your school for achieving this great honor. Also attached is a sample press release you can share with your local newspapers to notify them of your exemplary accomplishment.

Once again, on behalf of Special Olympics Massachusetts and our Schools Team, I want to again congratulate **Natick High School!** We couldn't be more thrilled and honored for your students and staff!

All the best,

Patti

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**2 attachments**



**2019 Banner School Announcement - Natick.docx**  
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**Natick Announcement Letter.pdf**  
527K

