Falmouth - Falmouth Superintendent of Public Schools, Nancy R. Taylor, announced today that the School District has entered into a formal partnership effective August 1, 2017 with the YMCA Cape Cod to lead its before and after school programs. The YMCA nationally, and specifically YMCA Cape Cod CEO, Stacie Peugh, has a solid track record and extensive experience running high quality, state licensed before and after school programs.

The program at FPS, which has been in existence for many years and known to the community as "Kids Club" will keep current staff interested in making the transition, and will retain the features it is well known for, including drop in care. In addition, the YMCA led program will feature healthy snacks, child choice enrichment opportunities and an emphasis on physical activity.

According to Taylor, the School District was seeking an external partner to lead the program because it is the most time and cost effective way to continue to provide ongoing high quality before and after school programs that meet the varied and unique needs of Falmouth families and the high standards of Early Education and Care (EEC) licensure.

Said Taylor, "Our criteria for partnership was to ensure a seamless transition, no interruption of services to families, and a program as rich as the one we've been offering for years. Parents and children develop close bonds with staff in the before and after school program, so we were delighted that the YMCA was as committed as we are to ensuring consistency, safety and quality."

"An open forum for parents was hosted by the District on July 13th." added Peugh. "We were so pleased to be able to meet parents, answer questions and listen to concerns. We heard many thoughts, new ideas, and suggestions that were brought forth and are taking these into our planning moving forward."

Registrations for the coming school year will continue on the following schedule Open registration for <u>all families and all schools</u> (no maximum enrollment capacity) will be held at the following dates, times and locations.

North Falmouth Elementary

- 8/7 Monday, 7am to 10:00 am & 3pm to 7pm
- 8/8 Tuesday, 11am -2pm
- 8/9 Wednesday, 7am to 10:00 am & 3pm to 7pm
- 8/10 Thursday, 11am -2pm
- 8/11 Friday, 7am to 10:00 am & 3pm to 7pm

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- 8/11 Friday, 11 am to 2pm

North Falmouth Congregational Church

- 8/12 Saturday, 9am to 12pm and
- 8/20 Sunday, 1 to 4pm

Mullen Hall Elementary

• 8/31 Thursday, during school open house

In addition, parents may register at their convenience by requesting a registration kit via e-mail to <u>dgraham-reardon@ymcacapecod.org</u> or contacting Denise Graham-Reardon by phone at <u>774-251-5135</u>.

For more information, please call the FPS Central Office at 508-548-0151 x137 or visit the website at <u>www.falmouth.k12.ma.us</u>.