



## PRESIDENT'S BLOG

### **(I Studied) The Routes I Took**

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Happy November to you! I hope that your spooky season went smoothly as you supported our youth! We recently received our mid-term grades for the first term, and it's no surprise that this is the period when an increasing number of students proactively reach out to schedule meetings to discuss and enhance their study habits. Before I embark on sharing my insights with these young individuals, I took the time to seek out inspiring quotes on the subject of studying. Whether the wisdom originated from notable figures such as Malcolm X, Gandhi, Abigail Adams, or KRS-ONE, the underlying message remained consistent: achieving a successful education requires dedicated effort and profound thinking. When considering how to impart my guidance to students, I draw inspiration from the words of Jay-Z, who aptly reminds us that "nobody's built like you, you design yourself."

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## CELEBRATING 25 YEARS!

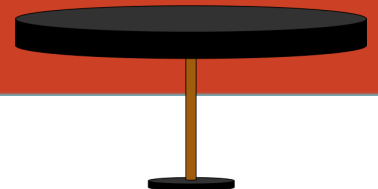
### **Annual Member Conference, April 19, 2023**



8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, [Emma Willard School](#), Troy, NY

Book at the [Marriott](#) in Troy, NY

## NOVEMBER EVENT



### **VIRTUAL TABLE TALK: Managing Difficult Discussions** **November 8, 2023, 7-8:30 PM**

NEALS is excited to welcome Dr. Jamie Greene, Clinical Psychologist, to our November Table Talk. Dr. Greene has spent many years focusing on helping adolescents and adults manage their emotions. She has spent time in both public and private settings, and has performed countless evaluations for students.

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# REGIONAL GATHERINGS

The Western Mass/Capital Region met at The Roaring 20's Brewery in New Lebanon, NY. A small, yet mighty group brought directors together from three different schools: #darrowschool #buxtonschool #emmawillardschool. They discussed the start of the school year, the current challenges they are facing, and the hopes they have going forward.

Meanwhile, the CT/NY/Western MA region, represented by #canterburyschool, #kentschool, #berkshireschool, #millbrook, #pomfret, #taft, met at The Taft School and covered a broad range of topics including what types of accommodations are offered at their schools, and how that information is shared with families, explaining the difference between a learning specialist and a tutor to families, and learning plans (i.e., what they looked like, who has access).

The New Hampton School graciously hosted the NH regional gathering at the Common Man in Concord, NH. Four different schools - #newhamptonschool #tiltonschool #wolfeborocampschool #emmawillardschool - were represented as they came together to talk about their overall experiences this year, to share successes, and to dive into similar challenges that they have been facing.

Dedham Country Day School hosted the Boston/Metro regional meeting. Representatives from four schools (#DCD, #brimmerandmayschool, #charlesriversschool, #derbyacademy) discussed the pros and cons of proportionate share funds as well as what levels of support are available at schools.

Virtual meetings are convenient, and are a fabulous option, but wow! - in person felt so good :)

Many thanks to DCD, New Hampton and Taft for hosting!

Please let us know if your school would be interested in hosting a regional gathering - either on or off campus. We can help with refreshments.

