

News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



April 28, 2023



CITY OF DOVER, NH

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> City Hall hours:

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 4



Coming up at the next City Council meeting

Community Power is topic of upcoming City Council workshop

City Council to also discuss financial policies

The City Council will hold a workshop on Wednesday, May 3, to receive an update on the status of the Dover Community Power initiative and the city's financial policies.

Dover Community Power

Resilience Manager Jackson Kaspari will provide a status

p.m.

Recycling Center hours:

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. update on the Dover Community Power program. The Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire, of which Dover is a charter member, recently announced electric rates for community power programs that launch in May or June, which Kaspari will review. Part of the workshop discussion is to get consensus from the City Council on whether it would like to launch the program this year or wait until next year.

Dover became a member of the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (CPCNH) with the primary objectives of creating savings for customers, supporting local businesses, and reducing fossil fuel consumption while enhancing electricity grid reliability. CPCNH works like a cooperative, utilizing the combined purchasing power of participating customers within the active communities. The Dover Community Power program is authorized under RSA 53:E to provide electricity supply service for the city's residents, businesses, municipal operations, and other types of customers on a competitive and voluntary basis. The goal is for the participating communities to leverage their combined purchasing power to create savings and new value for customers.

Financial policies update

Annually the City Council is provided with a scorecard of the city's compliance with its financial policies. In years past, this has been provided to the City Council with the presentation of the city's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR). This year it will be provided in a workshop session to provide the City Council ample time for discussion and review of the city's existing financial policies. Included will be a comparison of Dover's financial ratios to Moody's Investors Service median ratios for local governments similar in size to Dover.

Click here for the complete agenda.

The workshop begins at 7 p.m. and will be televised on Channel 22 and online at <u>https://dovernh.viebit.com</u>, where it will also be available for on-demand viewing.



The Chestnut Street bridge this morning, Friday, April 28, shortly after opening to traffic. The bridge had been closed for repairs since January.

Chestnut Street bridge opens to traffic

The Chestnut Street bridge over the Cochecho River is now open to traffic as of 8 a.m. today, Friday, April 28. COAST bus will resume its regular service on Chestnut Street this morning.

The bridge has been closed for rehabilitation since Jan. 3, 2023, and was scheduled to open by May 19, 2023. The project included removing the pavement, membrane, and sidewalks on the bridge, repairing deteriorated concrete in the bridge deck, reconstructing the bridge sidewalks, and installing a new bridge membrane, new bridge pavement, and new wearingcourse pavement.

This week, crews completed paving, lane striping, and general cleanup. The contractor will complete minor punch-list items in the near future, which may require intermittent lane shifts or road closures to complete. Additional sidewalk work on both sides of the bridge is expected later in conjunction with private utility work. This area is outside the work limits and scope of the current project.

In addition to being completed ahead of schedule, the project is under the budget allocated by City Council in late 2022.

For more information, contact Community Services at 603-516-6450.

Waterfront Committee meets Tuesday, will vote on revised development agreement

The Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee will meet on Tuesday, May 2, to review and possibly vote to endorse proposed amendments to the 2019 Land Disposition and Development Agreement (LDA) between the city and the waterfront developer.

City staff has tentatively negotiated the amendments with the developer Cathartes through their waterfront business entity, CPI Management, LLC. City Attorney Joshua Wyatt will be at the CWDAC meeting to review the amendments and answer questions from committee members. The City Council is set to take up the amendments at its May 10 meeting.

Some of the proposed terms include changes to the public improvements construction schedule. It also includes updating the guaranteed minimum assessed values (GMV) on the private development. Originally the GMV amount was set at a maximum of \$15 million for all buildings. In the proposed third amendment, the aggregate GMV would increase to \$35 million applicable no later than FY2026, \$66 million applicable no later than FY2029, and \$75.5 million applicable no later than FY2032.

<u>Click here</u> for the summary of changes to the LDA. <u>Click here</u> for the proposed amended LDA.

The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. in Room 305 of the McConnell Center and will be televised on Channel 22 and online at <u>https://dovernh.viebit.com</u>, where it will also be available for on-demand viewing. <u>Click here</u> for the complete agenda.



Community Services workers installed the Voyage Mark Solar System exhibit on the Community Trail earlier this week.

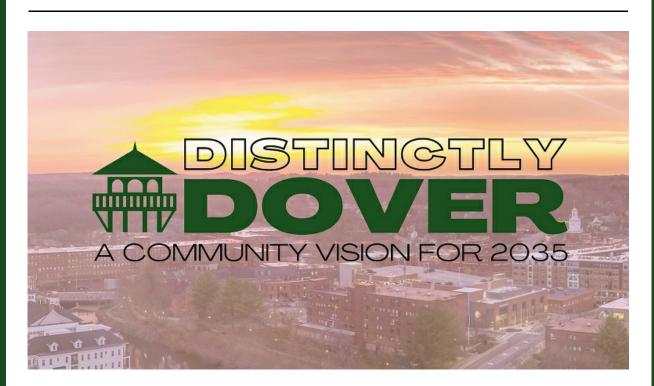
Grand opening of Voyage Mark II Solar System Community Trail exhibit on May 2

The City of Dover will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Tuesday, May 2, at 6 p.m., to celebrate the installation of the <u>Voyage Mark II Solar System exhibit</u> on the Dover Community Trail. City officials and community leaders will be in attendance for the event, which will be taking place at the Fisher Street Trailhead, and the public is welcome to attend.

The exhibit is an accurate 1-to-10-billion scale model of our solar system, similar to the Voyage Mark I exhibit at the National Mall in Washington, D.C., providing visitors with a conceptual understanding of Earth's place in space and the nature of worlds across our solar system.

Dover is one of only 13 communities in the country with this exhibit, which includes informational plaques and models along the Dover Community Trail. The journey begins with the sun at the Fisher Street Trailhead. Moving south along the trail, visitors will see and understand the spacing of the planets and moons. The journey ends at the Rutland Street Trailhead, where the dwarf planet Pluto can be found.

This exhibit is a permanent installation. It is a joint initiative between the Dover School District, the Department of Planning and Community Development, and the Community Trail Advisory Committee. The exhibit was installed by the Community Services Department.



Planning Department releases video update on 'Distinctly Dover' initiative

In a <u>video released this week</u>, Erin Bassegio, Outreach Coordinator for the City of Dover's Office of Planning and Community Development, offers an update on Distinctly Dover, the ongoing initiative to update the Vision Chapter of the City's Master Plan. The video provides an overview of the Vision Chapter's current status, highlights recent accomplishments, and outlines the next steps in the planning process.

The Master Plan serves as a blueprint for the City of Dover's future growth, infrastructure, land use, and community development. The current update aims to create a plan that reflects the unique character and aspirations of the city while addressing the challenges and opportunities presented by growth and change.

In the video, Bassegio emphasizes the importance of public input in shaping the Vision Chapter, detailing the various outreach events and engagement opportunities that have taken place thus far. She also encourages residents to continue participating in the process, including an <u>online poll</u>.

The video update can be viewed on the City of Dover's website at <u>https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/planning/master-plan/distinctly-dover/</u>. Residents are encouraged to visit the site to learn more about the Master Plan update, access resources, and find out about upcoming opportunities to get involved.

For further information on the Master Plan update or to provide feedback, please contact Erin Bassegio, Outreach Coordinator for the City of Dover's Office of Planning and Community Development, at (603) 516-6008 or by email at <u>e.bassegio@dover.nh.gov</u>.

Hydrant flushing begins Sunday night

Community Services workers will begin seasonal flushing of select Dover fire hydrants beginning Sunday night, April 30. The work is expected to take about a week.

Crews will work at night from 8 p.m. to 4 a.m.

Hydrant flushing is essential to maintain water quality and allow adequate fire flows throughout the distribution system. No disruption of water service is expected, though there may be brief times of lower water pressure. Residents may notice some discoloration of the water. This is temporary and does not pose any threat to public health.

For more information, contact the Community Services Utilities Division at 603-516-6450. For any overnight issues, contact Dover Police Dispatch at 603-742-4646.

Dover Pride Clean Up Day is May 6

One of Dover Main Street's flagship activities, Dover Pride Clean Up Day, will be held on Saturday, May 6, beginning at 8 a.m. and concluding by noon.

Join hundreds of volunteers, with help from the City of Dover's Community Services Department, to rake, prune, sweep, mulch, weed, paint, and plant multiple sites in the downtown area. Celebrate at the end with a pizza lunch courtesy of Kendall Pond Pizza.

Clean Up Day is an opportunity for community members to give a few hours of time by contributing some sweat equity to make Dover look its best for the coming tourist season. Come see friends and neighbors and meet new ones. Dover Pride Clean Up Day is a great opportunity to get out of the house and do something for our community. This civic volunteer effort is an important aspect of helping keep the downtown area clean and beautiful throughout the spring and summer and also provides cost savings to the City of Dover.

Individuals, groups, or families can volunteer for just an hour or come for the entire morning. Locations will be set up by Dover Main Street, but there are numerous spots around the city to lend a helping hand, such as Henry Law Park, the Community Trail, Joe Parks Riverwalk, Skate Park, and the Library and McConnell Center public spaces. Work will include raking, weeding, edging, sweeping, mulching, and picking up litter.

There are plenty of spots available to help. Register your commitment on the Dover Main Street website at <u>https://dovermainstreet.org/event.php?id=55</u> or visit the registration table at the Cocheco Mill courtyard on the morning of the event.

Bring your home gardening tools if you can — gloves, brooms, rakes, shovels, and wheelbarrows. Make sure to put your name on your tools. This is a rain-or-shine event, so please come prepared.

Dover artists focus of upcoming exhibition

Submissions for Arts Commission-sponsored show are now open

In celebration of Dover's 400th anniversary, The Art Center will hold a special exhibition featuring Dover artists at the new Backstage Gallery. This exhibit will highlight some of Dover's finest artists. Artists who live or have a studio in Dover are welcome to submit their work.

The exhibition is sponsored by the Dover Arts

Commission, recipient of the 2022 New Hampshire State Council on the Arts Governor's Award in the Arts.

The exhibition will be open from July 7 to Aug. 31. An artists' reception will be held on July 15 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Submissions are due by June 26. There is an artist fee of \$20 for nonmembers and \$10 for Art Center members.



Dover Arts Commission

To apply, vist https://backstagegallerydovers400th.artcall.org.

Upcoming Meetings:

Arts Commission, May 1, 6:30 p.m.

The Arts Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, May 1, 2023, beginning at 6:30 p.m., in Room 323 at the McConnell Center.

To view the meeting agenda, <u>click here</u>.

Waterfront Development Committee, May 2, 5:30 p.m.

The Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in Room 305 at the McConnell Center.

To view the meeting agenda, <u>click here</u>.

Community Trail Subcommittee, May 2, 6 p.m.

The Planning Board's Ad-Hoc Community Trail Advisory Subcommittee will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, beginning at 6 p.m., at the Fisher Street Trailhead, Dover Community Trail.

To view the meeting agenda, <u>click here</u>.



Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

Don't forget: If you missed the live City Council, School Board or Planning Board meetings on Channels 22 and 95, you can catch them again, online and on demand.

Simply visit <u>www.dovernh.viebit.com</u> to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience.

Dover Download podcast: Your guide to what's happening this week

In addition to each week's email edition of Dover Download, the City of Dover offers a weekly podcast. The podcast is hosted by Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker, who chats each week about the city's programs, services, public bodies and projects. Each episode also takes a brief detour to the past



with a look back at the week in Dover's history.

The podcast is available wherever you get your podcasts, including Spotify and Apple Podcasts, and at <u>https://anchor.fm/cityofdovernh</u>.

Waterfront Development Park Subcommittee, May 3, 5:30 p.m.

The Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee's Park Subcommittee will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 3, 2023, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in Room 323 at the McConnell Center.

To view the meeting agenda, <u>click here</u>.

Appointments Committee, May 3, 6 p.m.

The City Council's Appointments Committee will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 3, 2023, beginning at 6 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

To view the meeting agenda, <u>click here</u>.

City Council, May 3, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a workshop on Wednesday, May 3, 2023, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall.

To view the meeting agenda, <u>click here</u>.

For a complete list of upcoming meetings, visit <u>https://www.dover.nh.gov/go</u> <u>vernment/open-</u> <u>government/public-</u> <u>meetings/</u>.



The Indigenous Dover initiative is a project that aims to recognize and honor the indigenous people who lived in the area that is now known as Dover, New Hampshire. The project is made possible thanks to the New Hampshire Humanities Council.

You can find more information about the initiative on the City of Dover's website at <u>https://www.dover.nh.gov/indigenous/</u>.





The following events are from a variety of historical records, sources, and texts about the history of Dover.

For more on the history of Dover, visit the Dover Public Library, Locust Street, and the Woodman Museum on Central Avenue. The Public Library also maintains an online collection of historical information <u>located here</u>.

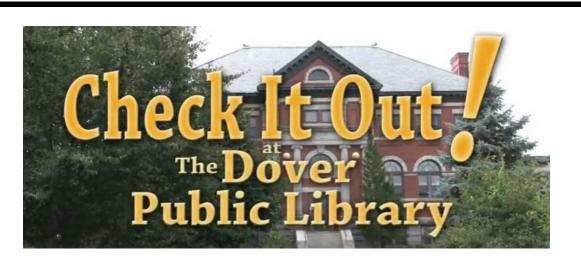
April 30, 1731 — Dover residents voted to use one and a half acres of land at Pine Hill for a public burying ground.

May 2, 1854 — The "Dover Hotel," believed to be one of the oldest public houses in New Hampshire at the time, was closed this day and later converted into tenements.

May 4, 1863 — William H. Hackett of Dover, who was killed at the battle of Antietam, was buried this day in Dover.

April 30, 1926 — The Greek Orthodox Church in Dover observed Good Friday with a parade this day, the first time it had ever done so. The parade began after Good Friday services at the church, then located on Mechanic Street. Nearly 500 uniformed servicemen from Dover marched in the parade, as well as members of the National Guard.

May 1, 1996 — After 35 years with Dover North Little League, including 15 years as president, Bob Keays stepped down from the league. Dover North officials had hoped to recognize Keays for his decades of service and commitment to the league and the children it served. But Keays, in his typically blunt manner, wouldn't have it. "I told them I didn't want nothing," Keays said at the time. "The award I got was from the children. I've got a trophy case full of trophies and plaques, and I don't need no more." Keays began coaching at Dover North in 1960. He coached for 20 years before taking over as the league's president in 1980. The highlight for Keays came in 1987 when Dover North took the Eastern Regional title and advanced to the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pa., where they finished seventh in the world. Keays, who had worked for Dover Public Works for many years, also served four terms on the City Council. Keays died in 2008.



Friends of the Dover Public Library May book sale

The Friends of the Dover Public Library will hold a book sale beginning on Friday, May 5, through Sunday, May 7, in the Library Lecture Hall. All leftovers will be free on Monday, May 8.

Hours will be Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Hundreds of items will be available for sale, including fiction and nonfiction books, biographies, DVDs, CDs, children's books, cookbooks, and more. Prices range from 50 cents to \$3, and all proceeds benefit the Friends of the Dover Public Library funds, which are used to help support the library in many ways. The Friends pay for programs throughout the year, support the Summer Reading Program, purchase all of the museum passes available to patrons, and much more.

This Week at the Library

May VIRTUAL Cookbook Club

Join us for a virtual exploration of *The Weekday Vegetarians* by Jenny Rosenstrach. Throughout the month of May, send in pictures of your dishes created with recipes from the book and a small description of your cooking process, how you felt about the recipe, and/or your thoughts on the book. Copies of the book will be available to check out at the main circulation desk. We will share your creations on our social media pages. Photos can be sent to Emily at <u>e.ainaire@dover.nh.gov</u>, or tag us on Instagram @doverpubliclibrary.

Monday, May 1, 1 to 3 p.m. Penny Rug Making Class

Learn how to create small penny rugs in this class co-hosted by Phuong and Rachel. A penny rug is a decoration made of stitched-together coin-shaped fabric scraps. You will be provided felt circles, needles and thread and instructions to get started on your very own penny rug. Leave class with a small penny rug of your own and the knowledge to expand on it if you enjoy the project.

Monday, May 1, 6 to 8 p.m. Dungeons & Dragons: Adults

Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons with Game Master Brandon. This 18 & older group is for new and veteran role-playing gamers to join us in the library for adventure, imagination, and strategy. The group will meet every other Monday night, though you do not need to have attended previous sessions to enjoy your first game. No experience or materials are required and all skill levels are welcome to play. *Registration required.*

Tuesday, May 2, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Mother Goose on the Loose

For babies through 2 years and parent/caregiver, Mother Goose on the Loose is a 30 minute program with nursery rhymes, songs, puppets, other props and short stories. A joyful and fun gathering that promotes early literacy skills.

Tuesday, May 2, 6 to 8 p.m. Dungeons & Dragons: Adult Group

Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons with Game Master Dave. This 18 & older group is for new and veteran role-playing gamers

Wednesday, May 3, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Family Storytime

Children of all ages with caregivers are invited to attend this program that includes stories, fingerplays, songs, and puppets.

Wednesday, May 3, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. All Abilities Chapter Book Club

Adults with all abilities are invited to join the Chapter Book Club. At each session, we will read several chapters from a popular book. The first book will be *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* by J.K. Rowling. Session ends with activities and crafts and some socializing.

Wednesday, May 3, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Make a Lotus Lantern

Join in-person or virtually to make a traditional Korean lotus lantern. All materials will be provided and the craft is suitable for ages 10 and up. The lantern craft will be run virtually by a member of the Korean Spirit and Culture Promotion Project (KSCPP). KSCPP is a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of greater awareness and understanding of Korean history and culture. While the instructor will not be in-person, attendees are invited to come to the library to do the craft and a staff member will be on-hand to help out. Following the lantern craft, a short documentary called "Korea Today" will be shown. Crafters will be asked to pick up supplies for the program at the library a week ahead of time. Registration required.

Thursday, May 4, 10 to 11 a.m. Cover to Cover Book Group

Join us on the first Thursday of every month to discuss a book. April's selection is *The Reading List* by Sara Nisha Adams. Copies of the book can be borrowed at the Adult Circulation Desk. New members welcome.

Thursday, May 4, 10 to 10:45 a.m. Arts and Crafts Storytime

Arts and Crafts Storytime is for children ages 3-6. Each session will focus on a different theme. Books, songs, rhymes, and an art activity will all be part of the fun. *Registration required.*

Friday, May 5 through Sunday, May 6 Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale There will be hundreds of books and DVDs for sale in the Library Lecture Hall. Fiction, to join us in the library for adventure, imagination, and strategy. The group will meet every Tuesday night, though you do not need to have attended previous sessions to enjoy your first game. No experience or materials are required, and all skill levels are welcome to play.

Tuesday, May 2, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Genealogy Group

Whether you're new to genealogical research or a seasoned pro, this group is a great way to meet others who share the same passion, can give you advice in your research, and listen to your newlydiscovered family histories.

Wednesday, May 3, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Adult Knitting Group

Knitters and crocheters are welcome to join us with their projects for an in-person crafting circle. All levels welcome. non-fiction, biographies, DVDS, CDs, kids' books, cookbooks and more. Items will be priced at \$3 or under, and all proceeds go to the Friends of the Dover Public Library to support programs and museum passes. On Monday, May 8 all leftover items will be free!

Friday, May 5, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Shake Your Rattle and Roll, Baby!

This program is for babies and toddlers-2 years. Dance to silly songs, sing rhymes, count to 5 with puppets and rock out with drums and instruments. Featuring a different genre or musical artist each week.

Saturday, May 6, All Day Dover Spring Fling

The city of Dover is celebrating spring! There will be a bubble machine on the library lawn and bubble activities in the Children's Room.



Dover among communities participating in National Day of Prayer

Dover is among the communities across the country observing a National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 4, at noon, in front of City Hall.

Representatives from several Dover churches will offer prayers. Mayor Robert Carrier will open the event with a proclamation for the Day of Prayer.

Participants are invited to a complimentary lunch at the Dover Baptist Church following the event.

The National Day of Prayer is an annual day of observance held on the first Thursday of May. It was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. The law was amended in 1988 and signed by President Ronald Reagan, designating the first Thursday of May as a day of national prayer.



Pick a time to:

Learn how to recognize and respond to warning signs and behaviors that may indicate a peer or loved one is experiencing a mental health crisis.

We all can play a role in suicide prevention.

A minimum of 10 people must register and attend for class to be held. Participants must be 18 years or older to attend. Dover High School Library 25 Alumni Drive, Dover, NH





https://forms.gle/VVdSzhiLvuVdJEvn6 For more information please contact: suzanneweete@communitypartnersnh.org https://dovermentalhealthalliance.org/

Storm debris cleanup continues

City public works crews continue to remove woody debris left from the January winter storm.

The work is expected to take several more weeks to finish, as weather conditions and work priorities allow. Crews are not accepting new work orders for debris pickup.

Residents are encouraged to bring woody debris to the Recycling Center for free disposal. It is open Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Community Services at 603-516-6450.

Volunteer boards help keep Dover vibrant

The City of Dover is a vibrant community due in large part to the significant energy and talent of citizen participation on the city's many boards, committees, and commissions. Input from these boards, committees, and commissions helps guide Dover's policy decisions.

Want to get involved? There are currently committees seeking members to fill regular and alternate member vacancies, including the:

- Zoning Board of Adjustment
- Energy Commission
- Pool Advisory Committee
- Committee for Racial Equity and Inclusion
- Recreation Advisory Board
- Utilities Commission

The complete list of boards and committees can be found at www.dover.nh.gov/government/boards-and-commissions/

To apply, complete an application, <u>available here</u> and at the City Clerk's Office, and either drop it off at the Clerk's Office or email it to City Clerk Susan Mistretta at <u>s.mistretta@dover.nh.gov</u>. Applicants are welcome to apply to any board or commission. Applications are kept on file for one year.

The City Council appoints citizens to boards and commissions from recommendations of its Appointments Committee, which meets regularly to review applications.

City of Dover employment opportunities

Want to work for the City of Dover? The City's website offers an updated list of open positions, including job descriptions and a downloadable application for employment. The City of Dover is now seeking applications for the following positions:

- Public Safety Dispatcher
- Police Officer
- Lifeguard
- Swim Instructor I
- City Planner
- Heavy Equipment Mechanic/Automotive Technician
- Parking Maintenance Specialist
- Summer Camp Counselor
- Police Systems IT Technician
- Truck Driver -- Streets
- Heavy Equipment Operator -- Utilities
- Laborer -- Public Works, Streets, and Stormwater
- Laborer I

- Seasonal Maintenance Worker -- Summer intern
- Water and Sewer Pump Station Operator

For more information about these positions or employment opportunities with the City of Dover, <u>click here</u>.

Dover School District employment opportunities

Want to work for the Dover School District? The District's website offers an updated list of open positions, including job descriptions and online applications. The District is now seeking applications for the following positions:

- Physical Education/Wellness K-4 Teacher
- School Counselor, Bellamy Academy
- Student Services Counselor
- Auditorium House Manager and Technician
- DALC Adult High School Math Teacher
- Special Education Paraprofessionals
- Noon Aide/Recess Monitor
- Special Education Teacher/Case Manager
- Custodian
- Substitute Teachers

For more information about these positions, <u>click here</u>.

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