



Natick Public Schools
Wilson Middle School
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Teresa Carney, Principal
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Dear _____,

We are very excited to announce that Wilson Middle School has been chosen to partner with the Boston Celtics, Project 351, and Wilson alumnus, Joe Holihan in a new program called the Playbook Initiative. The Playbook Initiative seeks to build more inclusive communities by eliminating hate speech and other acts of discrimination and bias by bringing together groups of students to engage in workshops related to race/ethnicity, gender, religion/culture, disability and orientation. The goals of these workshops is to empower young people to build more inclusive communities in which everyone feels welcome and celebrated.

Thanks to the hard work and commitment of Natick High School junior, Joe Holihan, Wilson Middle School has been chosen to be one of the first 15 schools in our state to participate in the Playbook Initiative! And YOU have been identified by your teachers as a student who cares about making Wilson the most inclusive community it can be; a student with the potential to lead when others choose to follow. We are asking you to join us, The Boston Celtics and Project 351 in this most important work! If you choose to accept this challenge, you are making a commitment to:

- Participate in a training on Thursday, March 28th. This training will be held during the school day at Pollard Middle School in Needham. Transportation provided by the Celtics. (No, they will not be joining us).
- Participate in a day of celebration with other Playbook Initiative schools on Saturday, April 6th. Participate in Wilson Middle School Playbook Initiative gatherings and projects throughout THIS school year and NEXT.

Please take this weekend to think about whether or not you are willing to make this commitment. Please return your letter, signed, to Mrs. Carney and Mrs. St.George in the Main Office *by Monday morning, March 11.*

With respect,

Mrs. Carney, Principal

Mrs. St.George, Grade 7

Joe Holihan, ALC Trainer & WMS Alumnus

STUDENT NAME: _____ HOMEROOM: _____

_____ YES, I commit to accepting this opportunity and challenge.

_____ NO, thank you, I do not wish to participate.

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