

ECEC '24-'25 Preschool lottery applications now open

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The application period for the 2024 - 2025 Integrated Preschool program at the Dedham Curran Early Childhood Education Center (ECEC) will open on November 15, 2023.

Any student residing in Dedham, as young as three years old as of September 1, 2024, may apply for the preschool program at the ECEC.

The Dedham Public Schools operates an integrated preschool program at the Curran Early Childhood Education Center designed to meet the needs of children between the ages of three and five who may exhibit delays in one or more areas of development.

The integrated preschool classroom model includes enrollment opportunities for students who do not require special education support, creating the opportunity for our students

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The Norfolk Registry of Deeds announced that judgment has been entered in favor of the Register of Deeds William P. O'Donnell, in his legal action against the Norfolk County Director, John Cronin, and the County Commissioners, Peter H. Collins, Joseph P. Shea, and Richard R. Staiti.

At issue in the case was the Register's ability to access funds in an approved and funded Registry of Deeds budget without the unlawful interference of the County Director and the County Commissioners under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 35, Section 32.

Given the Register of Deeds' undisputed role as the "authorized official" of the Registry of Deeds, the Norfolk Superior Court in its ruling stated, "The statute recognizes that the Register is in the best position to understand the daily needs of the Registry of Deeds and to take certain actions in the interests of the public that elected him." The defendants were ordered by the Norfolk Superior Court to refrain from interfering with the Register's

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ability to lawfully access funds pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 35, Section 32. (Follow this link to read the Judgment on the case and Memorandum of Decision and Order: <https://files.norfolkdeeds.org/file/Judgment-On-County-Law-Suit.pdf>)

The lawsuit was initiated by the Register in October of 2022 in response to Norfolk County Director John J. Cronin's refusal to allow the Register to access funds for legal fees.

Cronin also refused to allow the Register of Deeds to access approved budget funds for other Registry operations.

Register O'Donnell commenced the instant action pro se, on his own, without the assistance of counsel. County Director John Cronin and the County Commissioners are represented by Attorney Scott Lopez from the Boston law firm of Lawson & Weitzen, LLP. The fees of Attorney Lopez are paid for from the Norfolk County budget.

This lawsuit was instituted in the Register's fiduciary duty to property owners that own homes and businesses, Registry operations, and all Registry users. The taxpayers

did not pay the costs of this legal win for the Norfolk Registry of Deeds, as the case was litigated by the Register on his own.

"Any time an official, a county commissioner, or a bureaucrat oversteps their bounds legally, you have got to stand up to that abuse of power," said Register O'Donnell in response to the Norfolk Superior Court's favorable ruling.

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The Norfolk County Registry of Deeds, located at 649 High St., Dedham, is the principal office for real property in Norfolk County. The Registry is a resource for homeowners, title examiners, mortgage lenders, municipalities, and others with a need for secure, accurate, and accessible land record information. All land record research information can be found on the Registry's website, www.norfolkdeeds.org. Residents in need of assistance can contact the Registry of Deeds Customer Service Center at (781) 461-6101 or registerodonnell@norfolkdeeds.org.

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Holiday Drive supporting Active Duty Military Nov—Dec 2023
Norfolk County RSVP is organizing our fourth holiday drive for Active Duty Military. Between Thanksgiving and New Years Day, we encourage you to drop off personal items from the wish list (see below). All items will be delivered to and distributed by