We are so glad you are here! Welcome to "Connection," the newsletter for Nashville Big Picture High School future students! NBPHS is proud to be an MNPS Public School of Choice. This monthly newsletter is designed to provide information for families navigating the MNPS Open Enrollment / School Options process. We hope you find it helpful!

At NBPHS, we pride ourselves on personalizing the educational experience to meet the unique needs of all our students. Our innovative school design allows our team to support students toward success - One Student at a Time! As you and your family navigate the school choice options in MNPS, we want to be a part of that conversation so that you and your family can make an informed decision.

If at anytime you have questions please reach out by sending an email to Gary.Hook@mnps.org.

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2. We believe that a student’s curriculum must be relevant to people and places that exist in the real world and that these relationships are essential to success.
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The Big Picture Learning experience builds upon Core Content and incorporates these foundational principles into a framework that helps our students discover how to learn. This framework is rooted in five Learning Goals. (ER, PQ, SR, COM, QR) Students’ learning experiences are enhanced as they explore and secure meaningful internships, working with professionals in the Nashville community. In addition, many students take advantage of dual enrollment opportunities by participating in coursework (for college and high school credit) with Nashville State Community College and the Tennessee College of Applied Technology.

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