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**Northshore Education Consortium's Kevin
O'Grady School Raises \$7,000 Through Walk
& Roll Fundraiser**



Kevin O'Grady School Principal Martha Krol (left) with student Luciana Foster of Salisbury and Foster's family. (Photo Courtesy Northshore Education Consortium)

BEVERLY -- Northshore Education Consortium Executive Director Fran Rosenberg, Principal Martha Krol and Family Center Director Sheila Guiney are pleased to announce that the Kevin O'Grady School held a successful Walk & Roll fundraiser earlier this month.

On Saturday, June 4, students, staff, and family members gathered at the Kevin O'Grady School. As part of the event, participants walked or rolled around the school 10 times. Attendees also enjoyed music, ice cream, and socializing with classmates.

"This was a fantastic way for the community to get out and enjoy the fresh air with their family and friends while supporting a great cause," Guiney said. "Many in our student population have varying abilities, and I know that students truly enjoyed participating in an activity that was inclusive to all."

The event raised more than \$7,000 through donations from family and friends. Funds will support the installation of an outdoor musical memorial space in honor of several

students and teachers who have passed away. The space will include several instruments fitted for outdoor use.

"Through the kindness of our community members, we were able to raise enough money to build a memorial space on campus. This will be a special spot for students and staff to gather while remembering and honoring those who hold a special place in our hearts," Director Rosenberg said. "I want to thank everyone who donated for their generosity, and all those who participated for their enthusiasm."

[Northshore Education Consortium's Kevin O'Grady School](#), located in Beverly, provides education and therapeutic support to students ages 3 to 22 with moderate or severe special needs, including complex medical needs, physical disabilities, multiple disabilities, visual or hearing impairment, autism, and intellectual disabilities.

"Events like these cultivate joy in the lives of our students, are an opportunity for families to get to know one another, and increase awareness of students' needs. They also are a true testament to the community atmosphere that thrives in each of the state's 25 collaboratives," Massachusetts Organization of Educational Collaboratives Executive Director Joanne Haley Sullivan said.

To learn more about collaboratives with similar learning programs in your region, please visit MOEC's website [here](#).

About Massachusetts Organization of Educational Collaboratives

[MOEC](#) represents the Commonwealth's 25 educational collaboratives. MOEC serves as the voice of its members and works to develop a full appreciation for and understanding of educational collaboratives at the state, regional, and local levels. MOEC is the Commonwealth's primary advocate for collaboratives and the critical role they play in the Massachusetts educational system.

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Student Faye Toomey of Lynn with her parents. (Photo Courtesy Northshore Education Consortium)



Student Nathalia Vaquerano of Revere with her mother. (Photo Courtesy Northshore Education Consortium)



*Student Luciana Foster (left) of Salisbury with staff member Elizabeth McCormack.
(Photo Courtesy Northshore Education Consortium)*

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