

“How many kids did you have in your school?” asked my friend Tyler.

“Thirty-seven.” I said proudly.

“No Nigel, I mean in your whole school, not just your class.”

“Thirty-seven.” I said even more proud and with a little chuckle.

That is Newington Public School. Not only did I only have 37 students in my entire school I only had five students in my grade. At Newington Public School I had a completely different education than all of my current classmates. Being in a grade of only five I was granted a lot of one-on-one time with my teacher. Most kids my age couldn't say that they knew every person in their school's name. It was this sense of community that truly gave the greatest positive effect. I learned to communicate with each and every member of this community. This helped me understand the curriculum and move at a fast pace. The very personal lessons and activities taught me to always listen and respect my teachers. As I moved forward in my education to middle school and high school, I was able to understand the teachers even in a larger class.

As I look forward towards education after I high school, I think back to my years at Newington Public School. All the memories I will take with me have prepared me for my next step. If I had not attended NPS I truly believe I would be a very less successful person.

Newington Public School molded me into the student I am now. It gave me an understanding for how important education is and the need of a strive for knowledge.