

**NEW MILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION  
New Milford Public Schools  
50 East Street  
New Milford, Connecticut 06776**

**COMMITTEE ON LEARNING  
SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE**

**DATE:** September 1, 2020  
**TIME:** 6:45 P.M.  
**PLACE:** New Milford High School Library Media Center

While this is an in-person meeting for Board of Education members and district staff, due to COVID-19 restrictions on capacity and social distancing requirements that make public attendance impossible, members of the public will be permitted to attend the meeting via the Zoom or YouTube Live links provided below.

There will be live public comment offered through the Zoom format for items on the agenda. Public comment may also be emailed to [suptoffice@newmilfordps.org](mailto:suptoffice@newmilfordps.org) for distribution to Board members no later than 3 PM of the meeting date.

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**AGENDA**

**New Milford Public Schools Mission Statement**

The mission of the New Milford Public Schools, a collaborative partnership of students, educators, family, and community is to prepare each and every student to compete and excel in an ever-changing world, embrace challenges with vigor, respect and appreciate the worth of every human being, and contribute to society by providing effective instruction and dynamic curriculum, offering a wide range of valuable experiences, and inspiring students to pursue their dreams and aspirations.

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Public Comment**

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- B. If a member of the public comments about the performance of an employee or a Board member, whether positive, negative, or neutral, and whether named or not, the Board shall not respond to such comments unless the topic is an explicit item on the agenda and the employee or the Board member has been provided with the requisite notice and due process required by law. Similarly, in accordance with federal law pertaining to student confidentiality, the Board shall not respond to or otherwise discuss any comments that might be made pertaining to students.

**3. Discussion and Possible Action**

- A. Review and Approval of Curriculum
  1. Computer Science
- B. Teacher Evaluation Flexibility

**4. Discussion**

- A. Restorative Practices District Overview Joann Freiburg/Convocation
- B. Teachers College Partnership K-5
- C. Teachers College Online Units of Study: Reading, Writing and Phonics K-8

**5. Public Comment**

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**6. Adjourn**

**Sub-Committee Members:** Joseph Failla, Chairperson  
Brian McCauley  
Tammy McInerney  
Cynthia Nabozny

**Alternates:** Angela C. Chastain  
Wendy Faulenbach

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**Alisha DiCorpo**  
**Assistant Superintendent of Schools**

TO: Dr. Paul Smotas  
FROM: Alisha DiCorpo (AD)  
DATE: August 27, 2020  
RE: Teacher Evaluation Plan

The Professional Development and Evaluation Committee met on August 26, 2020 to review the Flexibilities for Implementing the CT Guidelines for Educator Evaluation 2017 for the 2020-2021 School Year. By unanimous approval of the twenty-four members present, New Milford Public Schools PDEC committee is requesting approval to implement the flexibilities for the 2020-2021 school year.

A summary of the guideline flexibilities for 2020-2021 is included below and reflects what was sent from the State Board of Education to Superintendents on August 11, 2020.

**Flexibilities:**

**Student Learning Indicators:** Districts may focus Student Learning components on social and emotional learning, student engagement, and family engagement.

**Teachers:**

- A minimum of one goal with a minimum of two indicators or measures of accomplishment focused on social and emotional learning for students, student engagement, and/or family engagement.
- A minimum of two and three informal observations for teachers based on years of experience and previous summative ratings. All teachers complete a minimum of one review of practice.

**Administrators:**

- A minimum of two indicators or measures of accomplishment focused on the reopening of schools, supporting well-being of staff and students, supporting distance teaching and learning, and/or health and safety of students, staff, and the school community.
- A minimum of two and three site visits for administrators based on years of experience in the profession and/or district and previous summative ratings. All administrators complete a minimum of two artifact reviews.