

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE

DATE: September 15, 2020
TIME: 6:00 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 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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An individual may address the Board concerning any item on the agenda for the meeting subject to the following provisions:

- A. A three-minute time limit may be allocated to each speaker with a maximum of twenty minutes being set aside per meeting. The Board may, by a majority vote, cancel or adjust these time limits.
- 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. Restorative Practices

4. **ADJOURN**

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Alisha DiCorpo
Assistant Superintendent of Schools

TO: Dr. Paul Smotas
FROM: Alisha DiCorpo
DATE: August 28, 2020
RE: Title IV Grant

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Title IV, Part A Description of Grant:

With reauthorization in December 2015 of the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA)*, the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) provides funding under the newly authorized subpart 1 of Title IV, Part A with the intention of increasing state and local capacity to address three priority areas: 1) provide all students with access to a well-rounded education, as defined in ESSA section 8101(52); 2) improve school conditions for student learning; and 3) improve the use of technology in order to improve the academic achievement and digital literacy of all students.

Where possible, the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) encourages local education agencies (LEAs) to coordinate Student Support and Academic Enrichment (SSAE) programs and activities with those authorized under other sections of the law.

In accordance with ESSA section 4106(e)(2)(A), priority must be given to: 1) those schools with students having the greatest needs, as determined by the LEA; 2) have the highest number of students from low-income families who are counted for the purpose of Title I, Part A funding; 3) are identified for support under Title I, Part A of the ESSA; and 4) are implementing support and improvement plans under Title I, Part A of the ESSA; or 5) are identified as persistently dangerous schools under section 8532 .

Allocation to New Milford:

This year, New Milford Public Schools will be receiving \$23,269.04 from the Title IV entitlement grant. Last year we received \$21,580.77.

Use of Funds:

The district will begin taking steps towards becoming a Restorative Practice District by participating in teacher training throughout the 2020-2021 school year. Restorative Practices are a way of thinking and being, changing school climate and culture, proactive and responsive, and are a relational approach.

The allocation of funds would cover the cost of training for all teachers on School Climate, as well as, Trauma Informed Practices. We believe that by supporting teachers with the opportunity to learn about how to support all students, that we will be able to provide timely support for students' needs and supports.