

From the Desk of the Superintendent...

Colchester Public Schools Celebrates the Board of Education

March is Board of Education Appreciation Month! Our Board of Education members spend countless hours as volunteers to support the best possible educational outcomes for our students. Colchester Public Schools is celebrating their achievements all month to express thanks for all they do.

Colchester's BOE members Mary Tomasi, Christopher McGlynn, Mitchell Koziol, Jessica Morozowich, Amy Domeika, Suesen Hickey, and Joanne Rose worked tirelessly in the past year on the following:

- *Transitioning to online learning during pandemic:*
 - Approving the technology plan to facilitate virtual learning
 - Supporting the development of several educational models to meet the varied needs of Colchester families.
- *Establishing a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion AdHoc subcommittee* to incorporate Social Justice into best practice in the areas of budget, policy, personnel, and curriculum.
- *Revising BOE goals:*
 - Fostering a welcoming, inclusive, and equitable culture that promotes the overall well-being of our students, staff, caregivers, and the community.
 - Growing innovative thinkers by investing in student achievement through dynamic and appropriately resourced instruction that maximizes the individual potential of students.
 - Effective intercommunication (two-way) that builds connections with the CPS community and promotes advocacy efforts at the local and state level.

- Purposefully aligning the needs of students with a fiscally responsible, equitable, and transparent budget.
- *Revising and updating hundreds of policies and bylaws*, including adoption of 12 COVID-19 specific policies, to connect our District's vision and values to our day-to-day operations.

Throughout the month, BOE members will be treated to letters, videos, and virtual concerts from students, goodies from the Bake Shop at Bacon Academy, and CPS apparel to wear with pride. I am grateful to these dedicated individuals who are committed to working for the best for all of our students.

Warm Regards,

Jeffrey E. Burt
Superintendent of Schools