

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

COMMITTEE ON LEARNING
MEETING NOTICE

DATE: April 5, 2022
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
PLACE: Sarah Noble Intermediate School Library Media Center

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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3. Discussion and Possible Action

A. Review and Approval of Curricula

- 1. Sports Literature
- 2. AP Language and Composition
- 3. Art - Kindergarten
- 4. Art - Grade 1
- 5. Art - Grade 2
- 6. Art - Grade 3
- 7. Art - Grade 4
- 8. Art - Grade 5
- 9. Art - Grade 6
- 10. Art - Grade 7
- 11. Art - Grade 8

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4. Items for Information and Discussion

- A. Update on Woods Programming at NMHS
- B. Aperture Assessment
- C. Sharing Our Plan - Reviewing K-5 Math Programs for the 2023-24 school year

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6. Adjourn

Sub-Committee Members: Tammy McInerney, Chairperson
Brian McCauley
Leslie Sarich
Keith A. Swanhall, Jr.

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Laura M. Olson
Director of Special Services and Pupil Personnel

To: Alisha DiCorpo
From: Laura Olson
Date: March 23, 2022
Re: Aperture Education System

In order to meet the growing social and emotional needs of our students, we have agreed to collaborate with Aperture Education. Aperture Education is a strength-based, nationally normed social and emotional learning (SEL) system. The Department of Education (CSDE) recently agreed to make Aperture Education part of no-cost assessments available to all K-12 Connecticut school districts.

As a district, we are assembling a district-wide committee composed of administrators and support staff. The committee will be instrumental in supporting and leading building level committees and ultimately improving student outcomes in SEL and improving academic progress.

Next Fall, the committee will gather to assist in rolling out the Aperture Assessment. The schools will administer a brief strength-based survey to all students. The Aperture Assessment is a universal screener, which provides data to strengthen social-emotional skills and inform instruction for students who need additional support. It is a teacher friendly tool that can be completed quickly to provide immediate individual, classroom and school level data, and the online platform has a variety of excellent visuals, graphs, and reports.

Use of this assessment will provide the district with comprehensive actionable data that will facilitate appropriate core instruction and tiered intervention in the SEL domains.