

## Mission

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.

## Vision of the Graduate (NEW)

### - Essential Skills & Dispositions

- ◆ Communication
- ◆ Critical thinking
- ◆ Creativity
- ◆ Problem solving
- ◆ Positive relationships/social awareness
- ◆ Self-management
- ◆ Growth mindset

## Vision of Deep Learning (NEW)

- ◆ Intrinsic motivation to learn
- ◆ Clear criteria for success
- ◆ Continuous growth, active engagement, learning as a process
- ◆ Positive, safe emotional learning environment
- ◆ Provide the resources, tools and time required for success
- ◆ Apply a variety of strategies to progress in the process
- ◆ Relationships and support

**Purpose:** Complete an extensive review of existing district systems to determine the degree to which each are focused on ensuring every student's success and preparedness for life, learning and work beyond school, to define the key student skills and dispositions required, to describe the instructional environment that will support it, and to make recommendations on how to improve the district's ability to ensure it is present for every student.

**Process:** Bring a diverse team of district staff and stakeholders together so they can:

- ⇒ Work to define the skills and dispositions desired for all students and the instructional conditions most likely to support them.
- ⇒ Explore the current alignment and future potential of 7 critical district systems to support these outcomes.
- ⇒ Make recommendations on the most critical systems improvements needed to improve student achievement.
- ⇒ Organize and implement priority actions to help the district achieve its strategic objectives.



## Recommended Priority Strategic Actions:

- ⇒ The district will fully define and articulate its Vision of the Graduate (VOG) and Definition of Deep Learning (DODL) for all students K-12 so that it is widely understood across all the district's constituencies.
- ⇒ The district will identify and align its critical goal setting processes to support the VOG and the DODL.
- ⇒ The district will create structures and processes that increase the degree of communications and engagement across the various constituencies served by the district and the Board of Education.