### WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION

### \*AGENDA

(Agenda Subject to Modification in Accordance with Law)

### PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

7:30 p.m., Staples High School, Cafeteria B (Room 301)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS (15 MINUTES)

**MINUTES:** May 18, 2015

### **DISCUSSION:**

1.	Permanent Art Collection Policy: P6161.13	(Encl.)	Dr. Landon
2.	Progress Report: Teacher Supervision and Evaluation PDEP Plan	(Encl.)	Ms. Cion
3.	Use of Atlas Curriculum Mapping Software Grades 6-12	(Encl.)	Mr. D'Amico

### **DISCUSSION/ACTION:**

1.	Adoption 2015-16 Goals of the Board of Education	(Encl.)	Dr. Landon
2.	Establishment of School Lunch Prices: 2015-16	(Encl.)	Mr. Longo Ms. VanCoughnett
3.	Tuition Rates: 2015-16 School Year	(Encl.)	Dr. Landon
4.	Authorization to Sign Contracts	(Encl.)	Dr. Landon
5.	Acceptance of Gifts	(Encl.)	Dr. Landon

### **ADJOURNMENT**

\*A 2/3 vote is required to go to executive session, to add a topic to the agenda of a regular meeting, or to start a new topic after 10:30 p.m. The meeting can also be viewed on cable TV on channel 78; AT&T channel 99 and by video stream @www.westport.k12.ct.us PUBLIC PARTICIPATION WELCOME USING THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:

- Comment on non-agenda topics will occur during the first 15 minutes except when staff or guest presentations are scheduled.
- Board will not engage in dialogue on non-agenda items.
- Public may speak as agenda topics come up for discussion or information.
- Speakers on non-agenda items are limited to 2 minutes each, except by prior arrangement with chair.
- Speakers on agenda items are limited to 3 minutes each, except by prior arrangement with chair.
- · Speakers must give name and use microphone.
- Responses to questions may be deferred if answers not immediately available.
- · Public comment is normally not invited for topics listed for action after having been publicly discussed at one or more meetings.

### WESTPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**ELLIOTT LANDON** 

Superintendent of Schools

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To:

Members of the Board of Education

From:

Elliott Landon

Subject:

Westport School Permanent Art Collection

Date:

June 1, 2015

Over the past several months I have had the pleasure to interact with Kathie Bennewitz and Maija Krasts, the co-chairs of the Westport School Permanent Art Collection (WSPAC). Their knowledge of the collection and their commitment to growing and strengthening it has been an inspiration for me. Moving forward, under their direction and leadership, I feel confident that the Collection will expand and be of an even greater complement to our instructional programs throughout the school district in the years to come, Kindergarten through Grade 12.

As WSPAC has evolved since its inception, much has changed in the art world and in our community. Initially, it was essential for the Westport Parent Teacher Association to be actively involved in the distribution of the Collection throughout the school system and its placement in critical locations in our individual schools. That involvement is no longer required and WSPAC can now grow and be an integral part of our instructional programs as an independent organization with a significant attachment to our school system.

As a result of the changes that have emerged over the years, it is essential that Board of Education <u>Policy P 6161.13</u>, <u>Permanent Art Collection</u> be modified to reflect these changes. The revisions to policy incorporate current terminology and practice and updates that reflect evolved practice as well as new topics (such as Rights and Reproductions). Several points have been reorganized for clarity, while the section concerned with "history and purpose" has been moved to the top.

Ms. Bennewitz and Ms. Krasts will be present at our meeting of June 1 to provide explanation and answer questions about the policy for the Board and the public present. If the Board wishes to adopt these policy changes at that meeting, I have prepared a Resolution for Board approval.

### ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves modifications to Policy P6161.13, Permanent Art Collection, in accordance with the materials presented at the meeting of June 1, 2015.

### **Permanent Art Collection**

### History and Purpose of the Collection

The Westport Schools Permanent Art Collection (WSPAC) is a sizable collection of original works of art acquired primarily through gifts, many given by the artists themselves. Some objects have been donated by heirs of artists, gallery owners or private collectors; several works were purchased with funds donated for the purpose of adding to the Collection, and some with the proceeds of insurance.

All donations to the Westport Schools' Permanent Art Collection, which was started in 1964/65 by Burt Chernow, a Westport Schools art teacher, were given with the understanding that the works would be displayed throughout the school system for the benefit of the children. The inventory and catalog of works in this Collection is on file in the Superintendent's office, and on a database on the Westport Public Schools server.

The Collection remains guided by the original vision for works of art to surround and be part of students' cultural education, as reflected in WSPAC's mission (2014):

WSPAC's purpose is to maximize the impact of its collection by using original works of art to inspire and educate Westport students, faculty and the community. We do this by increasing awareness and accessibility of the collection through developing and creating opportunities for programs and public display. WSPAC also cares for and curates this important collection to insure its growth for future generations.

The three goals of the Collection have remained essentially the same as they were at the inception of the program:

- 1. To distribute the art work throughout the schools so that students may experience art as an integral and important part of their environment.
- 2. To help all students develop appreciation for fine art through exposure to the vitality of original works of art.
- 3. To use original art as a tool to increase the effectiveness of teaching in the curriculum itself.

### Ownership and Display

The Westport Board of Education is, has been, and shall continue to be the owner and possessor of all works in the Collection, and shall hold same for the benefit of the children enrolled in the Westport Public Schools. The Board of Education will continue to retain and maintain the Collection in support of the aforestated goals and will continue to display the work throughout the school district.

### Permanent Art Collection (continued)

In accordance with these goals, the Board shall not permit the removal of the entire collection or a substantial portion of the collection from the school system for permanent display elsewhere, nor shall it, for any purpose, divest the school system of the entire collection, or a substantial portion of it by selling or giving the collection to any other individual, group or agency.

### The WSPAC Committee

The Collection will be curated and managed by a group of trained volunteers to be known as The WSPAC Committee. The Committee shall be comprised of, but not limited to, Westport school parents, town residents, the Town Curator, members of the Westport art community, professional artists, collectors and art history experts. In addition, if possible, the Committee should include one Westport educator serving on a voluntary basis. At least one member of the Committee should be a person knowledgeable about the art market and another about collection management and curatorial practices so as to be able to handle all aspects of curatorial, art handling, installation and collection management functions

### **Collection Management**

The Collection will be managed by The WSPAC Committee which will include individuals who are qualified with respect to and interest, background and expertise in art so as to be able to handle the curatorial and collection management functions described in this policy and the following:

- 1. Maintaining an inventory of all artwork, by properly cataloging all objects and updating locations. The committee also maintains archives and research records pertaining to the objects and artists.
- 2. Rotating and displaying artwork among the various school locations and public spaces, and handling or coordinating fine art transportation. .
- 3. Keeping insurance appraisals up-to-date, with the aid and support of the Superintendent's Office as needed, so that Westport Public Schools can annually insure the artwork, and provide an annual report to the Superintendent and Board of Education.
- 4. Proper framing, conservation and storage of the Collection.
- 5. Stimulating interest in and access to the Collection for the purpose of education as well as cultivating donations of artwork and funds to care for and insure its growth.

### **Handling of Funds**

All funds will be handled through the normal Board of Education procedures. Each year the Chairperson of The WSPAC Committee will account to the Superintendent for all funds donated to the Collection or allocated by the Board of Education.

### Permanent Art Collection (continued)

### **Accessioning and Deaccessioning**

### **Procedures For Accessioning**

The WSPAC Committee is to make recommendations on all accessions and deaccessions. Works may be added to the collection through donation or purchase.

### Donation

The WSPAC Committee will review any work offered as a gift to the collection and the WSPAC Committee will make a recommendation as to whether the work ought to be accepted into the collection. If the work is recommended, the procedure for formal acceptance of the gift shall be in accordance with the Board's policy on gifts, grants and bequests.

### **Purchase**

- 1. Any funds donated to the Board of Education for the purpose of managing and caring for the collection and/or purchasing art work will be subject to acceptance by the Board of Education through its regular procedures on gifts, grants and bequests.
- 2. Specific work to be purchased either with donated funds or funds acquired through other avenues will be selected by The WSPAC Committee. Board of Education approval is required for the purchase of any individual piece of art costing over \$2,000.

### **Procedures For Deaccessioning**

It is understood that work once accepted will not be given away or sold unless the proceeds are used for the benefit of the collection.

Deaccessioning any work of art requires approval of the Board of Education upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and The WSPAC Committee.

All monies from the proceeds of the sale of a work of art shall be used to purchase other work(s) or to manage and care for the collection.

Normally art work will be recommended for deaccession only if, in the opinion of the WSPAC Committee:

- 1. the work is not of a quality commensurate with the rest of the collection,
- 2. the work cannot safely or conveniently be displayed in the school system,
- 3. the condition of the work is such that it cannot be restored for display,
- 4. a work should be sold in order to use the proceeds to purchase a substitute work that will better enhance the collection.

### Permanent Art Collection (continued)

### Loans

### Short-Term

- 1. The loan of any individual work of art or portion of the collection for short-term exhibition elsewhere requires the approval of the Superintendent of Schools. Request for such loan should be made in writing by the borrower and state the location of the exhibit, the conditions of exhibit and venue and the length of time the work(s) will be loaned and exhibited.
- 2. Arrangements for the safe transport and return of the art work and for insurance coverage from the time it leaves the Westport School System until the time it is returned will be the responsibility of the borrower, and coordinated with the WSPAC Committee.
- 3. The borrower must furnish the Superintendent or designee with evidence that the work or works being loaned are insured for an amount to be determined by The WSPAC Committee based upon the most recent appraisals available at the time of the loan.
- 4. Except under special circumstances approved by the Board of Education, work belonging to the Westport Public Schools shall not be used in an exhibit to which admission is charged unless for the benefit of the Collection and the Westport Schools.

### Long-Term

Art work(s) may be placed on display on a long-term basis in Town-owned buildings open to the public or in another appropriate location open to the public within the Town of Westport. All other long-term loans of art works to other public spaces are subject to the approval of the Superintendent of Schools.

### **Rights and Reproductions**

Art works belonging to the Westport Public Schools may be reproduced in print and online scholarly catalogs and school and WSPAC publications at the recommendation of the WSPAC Committee. Permissions will be for North American, NON-exclusive, one-time print only rights, and, if granted, applicants shall be subject to contracted conditions and payment of all applicable fees, which are collected for the benefit of the Collection and the Westport Schools.

Policy adopted:

WESTPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS Westport, Connecticut

### **WESTPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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To:

Elliott Landon

From:

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Subject:

Approval of Submission of the Teacher Evaluation Plan

Date:

June 1, 2015

Connecticut General Statutes §§10-151b require that local Boards of Education approve the submission of Educator Evaluation Plans to the State Department of Education each year.

This year, the District's Professional Development and Evaluation Committee determined that there are no substantive revisions required to the current version of the evaluation plans for either teachers or administrators.

I am requesting that the Board of Education approve the submission of the evaluation plans for both teachers and administrators to the State Department of Education.

### ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Be it Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent or his designee to submit Westport's Professional Development and Evaluation Plans to the Connecticut Department of Education no later than June 5, 2015.



TO:

Elliott Landon

FROM:

James D'Amico

SUBJECT:

Update on Atlas Curriculum Mapping, Grades 6-12

DATE:

June 1, 2105

Over the past year, the department chairs have been working diligently to ensure that all courses of study in grades 6-12 have had their curricular goals, standards alignment, core content and skills, and common assessment information entered into the Rubicon Atlas curriculum mapping software. This has been no easy task, considering that at Staples High School there are close to 250 course offerings when levels are taken into consideration.

Each curriculum map was populated by the teachers of that course under the supervision of the department chairs. The creation of the maps was seen at first by many as merely a recording task, but quickly began to engage the teachers and administrators in discussions of the most essential concepts and topics in their courses, how and why teachers have organized the content and designed assessments for their courses, and what the factors truly are that make different levels of the same course different.

Ultimately, while one purpose of mapping the curriculum is to communicate our learning goals for each course to the public, it's most significant use is in the arena of professional development. As we move towards standards-based assessment and progress reporting at the secondary level, Atlas will be an invaluable tool in helping the faculty identify and align to the most important standards in their subject area, design and share common formative and summative assessments, and provide a centralized location to make adjustments to course curriculum as our assessment practices evolve.

In many course-alike teacher groups, Atlas is already being used to structure discussion of curriculum revision and analysis. We have also seen teachers use the maps to look at the curriculum of other subject areas to look for overlaps in skill and content instruction, and foster cross-disciplinary discussion. As the use of this software becomes embedded in our practice, we expect that there will be greater consistency across multiple sections of a course of study. However, the use of Atlas software need not inhibit teachers' creativity in developing engaging lessons for their students. There is "behind the scenes" space in the program that allows teachers to share resources and individual ideas that are tied to each unit of a course.

The Atlas software allows for two different types of curriculum maps: Collaborative maps, which are able to be worked on by multiple users and Diary maps, which are only used by individual teachers. Currently, we only utilize the Collaborative map function, which we have used to populate the maps. In order to have the maps be "public", we will have to close down that ability so that the information in the website is not altered accidentally. As we move forward, we will transfer information to individual teacher diary maps, which can

then be used as tools for teachers to use in their planning, and then as departments make changes to courses, the information can be edited in the public maps.

Another exciting aspect of the curriculum mapping software is the ability to run analytic reports on curriculum. For example, if we want to locate where the Westport 2025 skills surrounding "Creative Thinking" are emphasized in the curriculum, or in which units a particular state standard is addressed, we can do so. This is now possible since the maps contain that information.

The maps will be published over the summer as part of a reorganized Teaching and Learning Center website, and available to the public in time for the next school year.

## Westport Public School District GOALS FYE 2016

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# GOAL, PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE and SPECIFIC ACTION Detail

Objective: Implement a plan of action that ensures that all students are equipped with globally competitive learning skills

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	Goal 1: Continuous Improvement in Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment. Irack and Quantify Progress Towards Curricular and Extracurricular Goals	Specific Action	Complete the self-study process at SHS prior to October visit.	2. Report results to BOE.	1. Based on Kindergarten evaluation, determine and implement any curricular changes, if any, for Kindergarten based on Common Core standards, instructional minutes and benchmarking with peer school districts.  2. Evaluate any course changes and/or proposals.  3. Provide update on course sequencing and course offerings related to STEAM in grades 6-12; feasibility of creation of mini-maker spaces in all school library-media centers and after school continuing education programs; and, curriculum planning in K-5.
600 4. Canting	Quantify Progress Towards Curricular and Extracurricular Goals	Performance Objective	a. Obtain NEASC self-study accreditation	05-50 00-50	b. Significant and incremental improvement in district curriculum

### ADOPTED:

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October	November	April - June	September May		September (6-12) October
4. Provide update on development of Senior Demonstration or "Capstone" requirement based on tenets of the Westport 2025 framework.	5. Enumerate ways in which to strengthen the elementary school world language program.	1. Report district SBAC test results.  [ON-GOING]	1. Follow-up report to the Board of Education.		T. Report on outcomes.
		c. Successful preparation for SBAC testing (contingent upon decisions by the State)	d. Implement the new teacher evaluation system as per requirements by the State.	ON-GOING	e. Prepare for the implementation of BYOD including a professional development plan for teachers on the use of applicable digital tools. Include best practices for teaching, learning, and assessment.

September (6-12) October	
<ol> <li>Report anecdotally and quantitatively, where possible, on findings with regard to the effectiveness of Westport 2025.</li> <li>Update report on new K-5 standards-based progress reports.</li> </ol>	
f. Improve current assessment tools and define measurement of improvement to determine the effectiveness of Westport 2025.	

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# GOAL, PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE and SPECIFIC ACTION Detail

Goal 2: Promote an Environment that fosters global citizenship	it fosters respect, ethical behavior and responsible				
Performance Objective	Specific Action	2015-2016	2016-2017	Progress	
		Year 1	Year 2	Report	
<ul> <li>a. Implement a fifth domain for the</li> </ul>	1. Evaluate progress.	April - June			
Westport 2025 Critical Lens to					
reflect goals related to civic,					
social and ethical expectations at					
the elementary, middle and high					
b. Unify codes of conduct so as not	1. Collect and evaluate all codes of conduct	September	- Andrews		1 -
to hold student athletes to a	within the Westport Public Schools to	-			
higher standard than that for	determine similarities and differences.				
clubs and other extracurricular					
	2. Propose, where feasible, unified codes of	March			
	conduct for all activities, including				
	consequences and processes for enforcement.				
	3. Adopt unified codes of conduct, where	May			
	reasible.				

c. Establish student data security 1. Review current data security protocols October	2. Review best practices security protocols for student data	3. Propose data security protocols for all data (students and otherwise)	4. Approve data security protocols	
	protocols		TO CONTRACTOR OF THE PROPERTY	

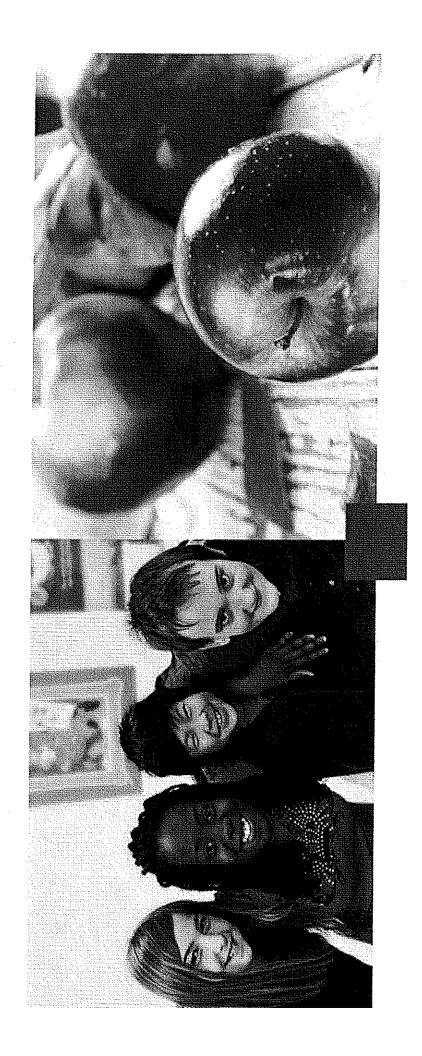
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Goal 3: Productivity and Efficiencies				
Performance Objective	Specific Action	2015-2016 ·	2016-2017 Year 2	Progress Report
<ul> <li>a. Fiscal responsibility and transparency.</li> </ul>	<ol> <li>Identify strategic improvements to the budget development process.</li> <li>Provide a forecast of fixed and variable budgetary expenditures</li> </ol>	October	October	
b. Assess the value of bus monitors.	Identify role of monitors in student discipline and safety, to include comparisons with Westport school buses without monitors.	October		
	2. Analyze use of school bus monitors in all school districts in Connecticut.	August		
c. Evaluate the desirability and effectiveness of seat belts on school buses.	1. Review all research related to the safety and effectiveness of seat belts on school buses.	November		
	2. Identify all school districts in Connecticut who require the use of seat belts for students and the costs associated therein.	November		

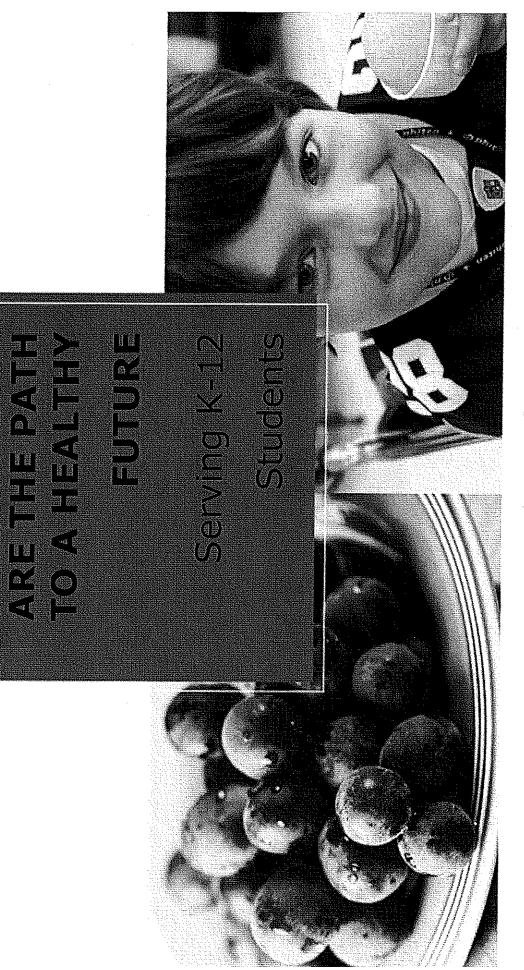
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e. Provide "Brown Bag" opportunities for full Board of Education to meet periodically with members of the public.	Present calendar of meeting dates for Board Fall of Education approval.      Spring	gui.
f. Investigate alternative scheduling options for elementary and middle schools, and Staples High School to achieve efficiency.	Report outcomes and prepare recommendations for Board of Education consideration for implementation.      Consideration for implementation.	Λ

of capital 1. Report upon capital projects in rank order of priority, with most needed leading the lists.	
g. Develop priority list of capital projects, both long-term and short-term.	

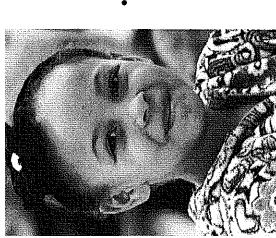


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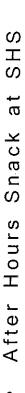




# **Culinary Happenings**

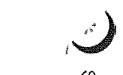


- Fat Free & Gluten Free
  - Healthy Toppings
- Fresh fruit, granola, etc.
  - Sold by the ounce
- Avg. daily sales-\$450



- 2:00pm-2:45pm
  - Monday-Friday
- & Beverages Healthy Snacks
  - Salads, Sandwiches
- Cups Fruit Cups, Veggie Fresh Fruit, Yogurt
- Hummus/Pretzel Cups
- Gluten Free options
- Average daily sales-\$400
- Expanded Gluten Free option's for all schools
  - Pre-order process for parents
    - Hot options now available







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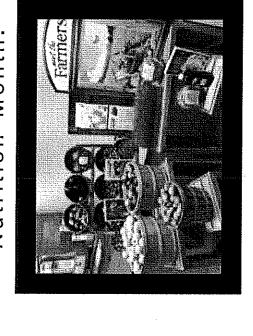
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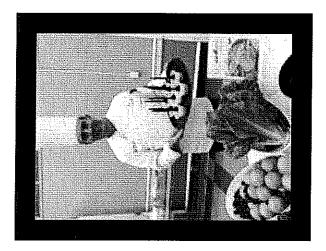
- Chef's Tables
- Monthly in each school
- Interactive lessons and tastings
- Items are offered on next month's menu
- Chef Logo to identify

items on menus.



- Farmer's Market
- SHS in Local farmers displayed at April for Nationa Nutrition Month. their products

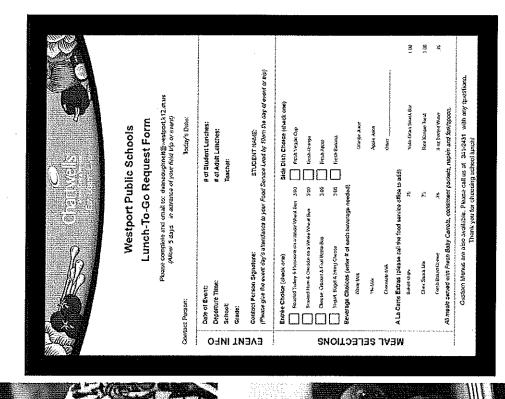


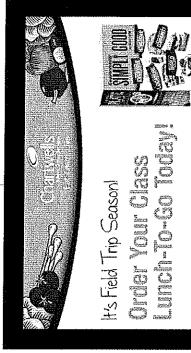












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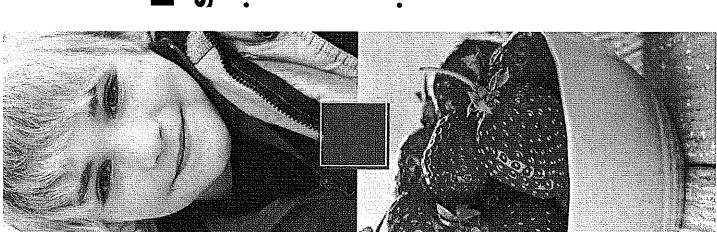
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### chartwells Coleytown Middle School Saugatuck Elementary School Airscreen coolers Refrigerated and heated Cooking Equipment Beverage Coolers Lighting Bedford Middle School serving lines Renovations Signage

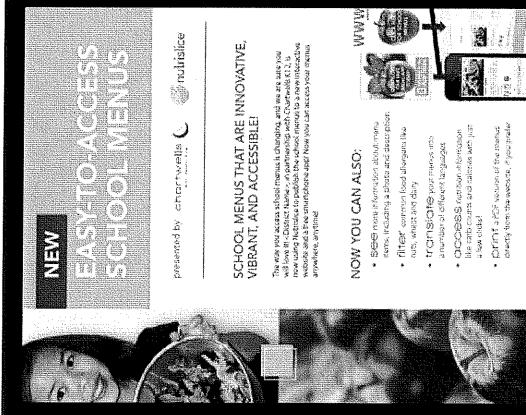
# How we build our healthy school menus

- with input from the Westport Wellness Committee, students, teachers, Corporate Dieticians and conjunction with local and regional food trends Chefs as well as local Food Service Directors We utilize the USDA recipe database in
- We use "Webtrition", the only menu management which helps to control costs, plan and produce and nutrition software program in the industry high quality meals and delivers accurate nutritional information.











### http://westport.nutrislice.com (Going live this month)

- including a photo and Complete information about menu items, description.
- Filter for common food wheat, soy and dairy allergens like nuts,
- translate your menus into A translation feature to a number of different languages
  - counts and calories with information like carb Access to nutrition just a few clicks!

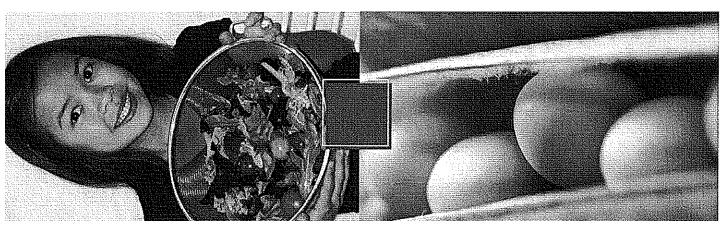






### **Statistics**

# > Student Enrollment and Total Meals



in the community

# Proposed Lunch Increase K-8

price: Calculating your average Elementary \$2.35 Middle School \$2.60 Average \$2.48 Calculating the USDA minimum:

Free meal Paid Meal

\$2.70 Difference between rates

2% + Inflation 2.18% = 4.18%Mandatory increase

Our average price of 2.48 at 4.18% = \$103

Proposed new prices:

Elementary \$2.45

Middle School \$2.70

Average \$2.58

# Still below the USDA minimum of \$2.70

SFA's can elect to increase their average paid lunch price by more than the above calculation requires (Example: School District's calculated increase equals \$.05 but the SFA can elect to raise it's average price by \$0.15 if it so chooses. Under Section 205, the school food authority would never be required to increase its average lunch NOTE: The maximum required annual average increase for school lunch pricing is capped at \$0.10 orice by more than \$0.10



### Thank You!

## WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION CAFETERIA FUND Summary of Financial Performance and Fund Balance 5 YEARS (FY10 - FY14)

		30-Jun-10		30-Jun-11		30-Jun-12		30-Jun-13		30-lun-14
Total Revenues	₩	2,692,641	↔	2,742,089	❖	2,901,985	₩	2,802,710	٠	3.035.783
Total Expenditures	<b>\$</b>	(2,576,636)	Υ	(2,702,223)	s	(2,581,611)	↭	(2,910,002)	٠.	(2,831,421)
Revenues over Expenditures	₩	116,005	s	39,866	\$	320,374	φ.	(107,292)	\$	204,362
Total Assets	₩	399,940	❖	611,484	↔	792,446	S	728,359	ψ	914.801
Total Liabilities	\$	(124,839)	<b>ب</b>	(296,517)	‹›	(157,105)	₹/>	(200,310)	· 40	(182,390)
Total Fund balance	₩	275,101	\$	314,967	s	635,341	\s	528,049	· S	732.411

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To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Elliott Landon

Re: Tuition Rates for 2015-16

Date: June 1, 2015

We annually establish tuition rates to cover the following circumstances:

- 1. To provide the basis for calculating the 25% tuition rate for the non-resident children of school employees.
- 2. To cover students who move out of Westport before April 1, who are permitted to complete the school year at 25% of the full-year tuition.
- 3. To cover exceptional cases, such as when families enroll children expecting to move to Westport and then fail to establish residency, or other unforeseen circumstances.

During the current 2014-15 school year there were 31 children of employees who attended our schools. We anticipate approximately the same number for the 2015-2016 school year.

Several years ago, in response to a Board request, a formula was developed for tuition rates for the various levels which gave a close approximation of actual costs. (The base tuition figures do not include the cost of bus transportation between home and school as this service is not provided to non-resident students. It also does not include special education costs as these are assessed on an individual basis for students requiring special education.)

For the upcoming 2015-16 school year we have applied the general budget increase of 1.80% to the 2014-2015 rates. The chart below shows the current rates and the new rates for 2015-2016 (rounded off).

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### **TUITION RATES: 2015-16 GRADES K-12**

Grade Level	Full Non-Resident Tuition 14-15 15-16		Employee Tuition 14-15 15-16	
K-5	15,715	15,998	3,929	3,999
6-8	22,005	22,401	5,501	5,600
9-12	23,568	23,992	5,892	5,998

### **TUITION RATES: 2015-16 PRE-SCHOOL**

The full rates for our integrated pre-school were established during the 2014-15 budget process by the Pupil Services Department in collaboration with the Business Office, and are competitive with other area pre-schools. Westport residents' children with special needs receive free tuition, as per federal mandate. Westport residents' children without special needs are admitted to the program at the tuition rate(s) shown below. Employees' children are admitted only after all residents' children have been accommodated. As with K-12 tuition, employees pay 25% of the full rate.

	Full Rate	Employee Rate
2-3 year-olds 4-days per week	4,917	1,229
3-4 year-olds 5 days per week	6,296	1,574
3-4 year-olds 5 days per week (Extended day)	9,954	2,488

### **ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION**

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the establishment of the tuition rates for the 2015-2016 school year, as set forth in a memo dated June 1, 2015 and appended to the Minutes of that Meeting.

### WESTPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ELLIOTT LANDON

Superintendent of Schools

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To:

Members of the Board of Education

From:

Elliott Landon

Subject:

Authorization to Sign Contracts

Date:

June 1, 2015

Regulations of the State Department of Education and Board of Education policy require the designation by name and position of administrators authorized to sign contracts on behalf of the Board of Education. To meet this requirement, I am recommending that the Board reauthorize Elliott Landon, Superintendent of Schools and Elio Longo, Director of School Business Operations, to be designated as the administrative representatives authorized to sign contracts on behalf of the Board effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

### ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

The Board of Education authorizes Elliott Landon, Superintendent of Schools, and Elio Longo, Director of School Business Operations, to sign contracts on behalf of the Board of Education, effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

### **POLICY 3293.1 (AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN CONTRACTS)**

The superintendent and/or the school business administrator, individually or jointly as may be required, are hereby authorized to execute agreements, to apply for grants or to sign other documents as may be necessary in the normal course of the school system's business, including documents that support the adopted budget or that implement the Board's established policies or programs.

This authorization does not extend to those agreements or other documents which require specific, formal approval of the Board of Education and/or the signature of the Board Chairman or other officer of the Board of Education.

To comply with regulations of the State Department of Education, the Board of Education will annually renew this authority, designating by name the individuals holding the positions of superintendent of schools and school business administrator who are so authorized.

### WESTPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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From:

Elliott Landon

Subject:

Acceptance of Gifts

Date:

June 1, 2015

We have received offers of several gifts; one from the Bedford Middle School PTA (BMS) and two from the Long Lots School PTA (LLS).

The gift from the Bedford Middle School PTA is valued at \$7,808. Consisting of five custom-made, heavy-duty vinyl link all-weather entrance mats for three BMS entrances, each of these mats is brightly colored and of commercial quality. Three of the five mats will cover and protect the entire BMS front entrance and include a custom BMS logo, while the other mats will grace the highly trafficked bus entrances. Besides being extremely attractive and welcoming, these mats will go a long way towards helping us to maintain the cleanliness and hygiene of Bedford Middle School.

From the Long Lots PTA we have been offered: (1) a gift valued at \$9,975 that will enable significant physical improvements to be made to the rear play yard area, a vital enhancement to the external environment of this beautiful school facility; and, (2) another of \$3,950 to cover the incremental expense for upgrades to the artwork on the Long Lots School gymnasium floor that includes a portrayal of the "Lion Logo."

It is recommended that the Board accept these generous gifts with gratitude and appreciation to the Bedford Middle School PTA and the Long Lots PTA.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION**

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts with thanks and appreciation: (1) a gift from the Bedford Middle School PTA in the amount of \$7,808 to be used for the purchase of five custom-made entrance mats for all Bedford Middle School main office entrances; (2) a gift of \$9,975 from the Long Lots PTA for significant physical improvements to the rear play yard area of Long Lots; and, (3) \$3,950 to enhance the artwork of the Long Lots gymnasium floor.

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