



## COLUMBIA SCHOOL SYSTEM

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Dear Columbia Families,

The Columbia Board of Education will be voting on **Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018** on two important questions facing the District.

- 1) Should Columbia Continue to Maintain a Pre-K to Grade 8 School?**
- 2) Should Columbia Maintain High School Choice after 2022?**

The Board of Education Future Needs Committee spent considerable time and effort over the past several years to address concerns surrounding student population. Questions regarding maintaining a Pre-K to Grade 8 school as well as maintaining high school choice after 2022 when our current high school contracts expire were fully explored.

Many of you have attended meetings, participated in focus groups, completed surveys and expressed interest in the topics.

Please access the link below which will enable you to view documents, surveys and information compiled by the Board to reach this point in the process.

[http://www.hwporter.org/district\\_info/future\\_needs\\_committee\\_information.php](http://www.hwporter.org/district_info/future_needs_committee_information.php)

The next meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the H.W. Porter Cafetorium and public comments are always welcome. Additional time will be available for public comments on Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 as well. Voting will occur on both questions on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Paper versions of the Future Needs Committee documents will be provided at key locations in the community (Town Library, Beckish Senior Center, Town Hall) closer to December 3<sup>rd</sup> and a town-wide mailing will be distributed in our efforts to reach all citizens. Also look for signs on the Town Green and postings at H.W. Porter School and the Transfer Station.

Please feel free to contact my office with any questions at 860-228-8590.

Thank you,  
Maria Geryk, Superintendent