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Dear Columbia Residents:

The Columbia Board of Education has established a Future Needs Committee to gather information and complete preliminary planning that examines future options for our education programs PK-12. This is Stage Two in the Board's long-range planning. Stage One resulted in the publication of Columbia School District's Strategic Plan. The Board is attempting to anticipate changes that will need to be made due to several factors:

- declining enrollment
- reduction in State and Federal funding
- increased mandates
- expiration of our high school contracts in 2022

The Board is in the beginning stages of this planning process and is interested in gathering as much public input as possible. The Board will be holding a series of announced public meetings over the next three months. We are also going to use several surveys both online and paper-and-pencil to gather your thoughts.

This initial survey addresses both demographic information and your opinions about providing quality education.

If you are using the electronic link for this survey your responses will be tabulated automatically. To complete the survey online go to hwporter.org and click on the Future Needs Webpage on the banner scroll. If you are completing a paper survey you can return it by mail to H.W. Porter School, 3 Schoolhouse Rd., Columbia, CT 06237 Attn: Lol Fearon, Superintendent or to one of the **drop-off containers** at the following locations:

Look for the container with a Panther on it.



Horace W. Porter School Office



Town Administrators Office, Columbia Town Hall



Saxton B. Little Library Lobby



Columbia Post Office



Beckish Center

Return Date is no later than May 15, 2017.

Thank you for taking time to complete this survey. Your opinion matters to us.

Lol Fearon,
Superintendent

Christopher Lent
Board of Education, Chairman