



# BOARD OF EDUCATION

Columbia, Connecticut

*The Columbia School District is a community of learners providing rigorous programs to ensure that each student can excel as an individual.*

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## AGENDA

**Wednesday, October 1, 2018**

**Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m.**

**Horace W. Porter School**

**H.W. Porter Cafetorium**

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Comments from the Audience (Bylaws of the Board #9300)**

Time allotted for public participation is twenty (20) minutes; time allotted for an individual speaker is three (3) minutes.

**IV. Celebration**

October is National Principal's Month. Today we honor and thank our two school administrators, Alyssa Gwinnell, Principal and Jennifer Hill, Assistant Principal for their devotion to the students, families and staff of Horace W. Porter School.

**V. Presentation**

*Review of SBAC Results*

**VI. Action Items (Consent) -**

*A consent agenda is presented by the Chairman at the beginning of a meeting. Items may be removed from the consent agenda on the request of any one member. Items not removed may be adopted by general consent without debate. Removed items may be taken up either immediately after the consent agenda or placed later on the agenda at the discretion of the assembly.*

- a) *Approval of August 29, 2018 Board of Education Minutes*
- b) *Approval of September 5, 2018 Board of Education Minutes*
- c) *Approval of September 17, 2018 Board of Education Minutes*
- d) *Appointment of Mr. Charles Fariera, Jr., Grade 6/7 Science Teacher*

**VII. Action Items (Discussion and Action)**

**VIII. Reports of Board Committees**

- Policy
- Budget
- Teaching and Learning
- Ad hoc Committee on Future Needs

**IX. Correspondence/Communications**

- a) *Chronicle Article, "Columbia Hires a New School Superintendent"*
- b) *Chronicle Article, "Columbia School Board Cleared to Spend Surplus"*

- c) *Letter to Dianna Wentzell, Education Commissioner, State Department of Education*
- d) *Teacher of the Year & Paraprofessional of the Year Celebration Invitation*

**X. Board of Education Upcoming Meetings**

a) *Future Meeting Dates:*

- November 5, 2018 Monday, 6:30 pm, BOE Budget Subcommittee Meeting
- November 5, 2018, Monday, 7:30 pm, BOE Regular Meeting

**XI. Superintendent's Report**

**XII. Future Regular and Subcommittee Agenda Items**

**XII. Columbia Board of Education Member Remarks**

**XIV. Adjournment**