

# WEST MILFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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May 13, 2022

Dear WMTPS Community,

Last month, we notified the community that the district was starting a ***Restructuring Committee***. The purpose of this committee is to examine one critical question: *With the dramatic reductions in State Aid, can WMTPS afford to operate 8 schools plus Highlander Academy?* We have divided the Restructuring Committee into five subcommittees: Instruction/Personnel, Special Services, Operations/Transportation, Fiscal, and Building Usage. Subcommittee chairpersons and members are listed below:

## **Instruction/Personnel**

Daniel Novak, Chairperson  
Kate Romeo, Board of Education  
Debbie O’Brien, Board of Education  
Dr. Dana Swarts, Administrator  
Patrick O’Donnell, Administrator  
Shawn Rhinesmith, Staff  
Susan Nebiker, Staff  
Danielle Torres, Staff  
Heather Egli, Staff  
Jennifer Lizza, Parent  
Cortney Lombardo, Parent  
Marcia Kershaw, Parent  
Christine Jamie Walker, Parent  
Brendan Kenny, Parent

## **Special Services**

Dr. Elizabeth McQuaid, Chairperson  
Teresa Dwyer, Board of Education  
Bill Kane, Administrator  
Laura Davis, Staff  
Merjeme Duffy, Staff  
Alison Scully, Staff  
Lauren Rembrandt, Staff  
Kiersten Coppola, Parent

Caitlyn Babcock, Parent  
Erin West, Parent  
Luraika Carrubba, Parent  
Mary Haggerty, Parent  
Whitney Lawrence, Parent

### **Operations/Transportation**

Barbara Francisco, Chairperson  
Jaycen Stillman, Board of Education  
Cortney Stephenson, Board of Education  
Chris Kelly, Administrator  
Karen Wilm, Administrator  
Tracey Lombardi, Staff  
Tracey Del Colliano, Staff  
Karen Romer, Staff  
Jack Leonard, Parent  
Christine Roberts, Parent  
Kelly Stinziano, Parent  
Amy Kistler, Parent  
Kerry Metzger, Parent  
Wayne Gottlieb, Community Member  
Will Cytowicz, Community Member

### **Fiscal**

William Scholts, Chairperson  
Claire Lockwood, Board of Education  
Ray Guarino, Board of Education  
Dr. Greg Matlosz, Administrator  
Danielle Post, Staff  
Cynthia Gallagher, Staff  
Jaclyn Becker, Staff  
Gregory Zackaroff, Staff  
Anthony Giannantonio, Parent  
Michael Fritz, Parent  
Stephanie Marquard, Parent  
Melissa Vitale, Parent  
Donna Bush, Parent

### **Building Usage**

Dr. Alex Anemone, Chairperson  
Lynda Van Dyk, Board of Education  
Michael Conklin, Board of Education  
Dr. Elissa Scillieri, Administrator  
Melissa Welch, Staff  
Dean Monti, Staff  
Kelly Visaggio, Staff  
Meghan Donegan, Staff  
Lori Eckhart, Parent

Christine Price, Parent  
Tara Racano, Parent  
JT Bolger, Parent  
Annmarie Polglaze, Parent  
Christina Duffy, Parent  
Inga Koeppel, Community Member

The tentative timeline for this process is:

- June 2022 - September 2022: Subcommittee meetings
- September 2022: Interim Report shared with Board of Education and community
- September 2022 - November 2022: Subcommittee meetings continue
- November/December 2022: Final Report shared with Board of Education and community

Meetings will be scheduled at various times to accommodate busy schedules and will be held in the Westbrook School Media Center. Subcommittee chairpersons will set up meetings via email; please be on the lookout. We look forward to working collaboratively with the community on this project. As mentioned previously, all information on this project will be posted on our [website here](#). If you have any questions about this matter, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Alex Anemone, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools