

VERNON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Vernon, Connecticut 06066
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

DATE: Monday, November 27, 2023

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Vernon Center Middle School Library, 777 Hartford Turnpike, Vernon, CT 06066

ZOOM MEETING: zoom.us Phone: +1 301 715 8592 Webinar ID: 957 6715 0194 Passcode: 938493

Mission Statement

The Vernon Public Schools, in partnership with family and community, is committed to provide a quality education, with high expectations, in a safe environment where all students become independent learners and productive contributors to society.

Goals

1. *Build and improve relationships and partnerships with family and community.*
2. *Increase the achievement of every student through high quality curriculum, instruction and assessment.*
3. *Promote safe environments that are socially, emotionally, and physically conducive to learning.*

Civility Statement

The Board of Education expects mutual respect, civility and orderly conduct among all individuals on school property or at school-sponsored events. District staff will treat parents and other members of the public with respect and have the right to expect the same in return. The Board encourages positive communication and discourages volatile, hostile or aggressive actions. The Board seeks public cooperation with this endeavor.

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- 10.4 CABE Board of Education "Board of Distinction Award"

11.0 Review and Update Board of Education Calendar

<https://www.vernonpublicschools.org/district-information/district-calendar>

12.0 Opportunity for Questions from the Press Regarding Agenda Items

13.0 Adjournment

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Agenda Item

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AGENDA REPORTING FORM

Subject:

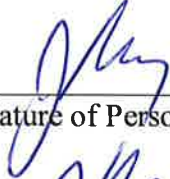
Presentation by Vernon Center Middle School (BOE Goal #1, #2)

Background:


Vernon Center Middle School 6th Grade students will present their new
"VCMS 101" class to the Board.

Recommendation:

No action required.



Signature of Person(s) Submitting Report



Superintendent of Schools

Greetings Board of Education From VCMS 101 Classes



Presentation created by VCMS 101 students



What is VCMS 101?

Mrs. Martin

What: This course is designed to help 6th grade students enjoy a positive middle school experience by creating opportunities for students to better connect with the VCMS community. Students will develop skills for successful school navigation, communication, self advocacy, and involvement.

When: Full year class that meets every other day opposite PE/Wellness class

Why: To better prepare students to...

- Navigate the transition from elementary to middle school
- Manage multiple class assignments
- Adapt to a variety of classroom expectations
- Develop strong interpersonal skills
- Develop skills to handle stressful situations
- Manage emotions to have a successful day
- Understand their personal responsibility to uphold our VCMS SOAR Values

VCMS Expectations	Digital Citizenship	Self Awareness	Social Awareness
Communication	Relationship Building	Self Management	Organization
Goal Setting	Community Involvement	Responsible Decision-Making	Student Success

What to Expect:

- Each class period will involve an introduction of skills, an opportunity to practice with peers, and reflection.
- Students will be graded on a pass/fail basis following outlined criteria for each unit.
- The daily expectation is for students to participate and engage with the lesson and their classmates in a responsible manner.

Meeting Mingle

At the beginning of each 101 class for the month of September we would introduce ourselves and say hi to everyone in the room.



High-Five Handshake Toe Tap
Fist Bump Forearm Tap

Eye Contact

Say “hello” or “hi”

Say Name

Ask Name, Repeat Name

Physical Greeting

Please join us in the middle to try it out!

GiGi

Team Building Activities

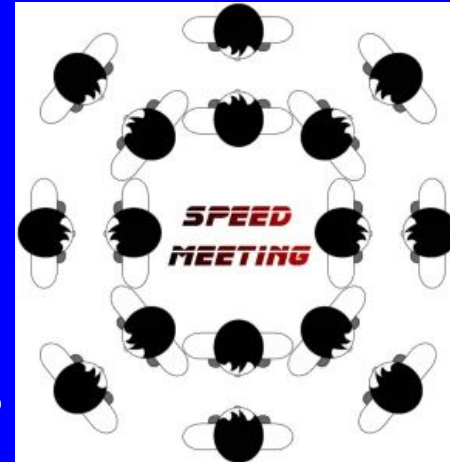


VCMS Trail
Hike

“Flip the Mat”
Team Challenge



Who can
remember
the most
about your
classmates?



What VCMS students say about 101...

It's
nice.

I love it
here

I have met
more people
than I thought
I would

I think 101 is helping
make school a nice
place.

We get to
do fun
activities
too!

I liked the
scavenger hunt and
getting to go
around the school



Why do we use Aspen, Google, Email ,etc. here at [VCMS](#)?

- [Aspen](#): New to 6th Graders
Check assignments, grades, progress reports & report cards
- [Google Classroom](#): Learning to use it to be more independent during class and for assignment resources
- [Email a teacher](#): Ask for help, get missing work from absence, anything I may need help with in class

Caught Doing
What's Right!!!!

When I say Eagles you say SOAR-



What is SOAR at VCMS?

Exemplifying our VCMS Core Values

Safety

Organization

Achievement


Respect and Responsibility

Let's review.....

SOAR Everywhere



Use Indoor
Voices



Follow the
VCMS
Handbook
Code of
Conduct



Phone is
off and put
away at all
times



Keep hands and
feet to yourself



Respect school
property

Safety

Feeling physically, mentally, and emotionally safe in school is very important.

Being safe everywhere at VCMS looks like...

- ★ **Listening to teacher directions**
- ★ **Using Indoor Voices**
- ★ **Walking around the building, not running**
- ★ **Keep hands and feet to yourself**
- ★ **Make sure to use kind words**
- ★ **Lastly, if you see something that could cause physical or emotional harm find a teacher!**



Organization

We try every day to show what we call SOAR Values
Organization is one of them. Organization helps kids
stay on track so we have classes running smoothly
and on time. And so kids have a good understanding
of what they need to do and when they need to do it.

Achievement roman

I am going to talk about how to
Achieve in a classroom.

You can achieve If you...

- ☐ Give your best effort on your homework
- ☐ Be on time and ready to learn.
- ☐ Ask for help if needed.
- ☐ Be prepared with materials
- ☐ Seek extra help when needed
- ☐ Take pride in your work.



Respect & Responsibility

Respect is showing consideration for the learning of others

Talk to adults and peers politely

Show empathy to other students even if we are different or don't agree.

Responsibility is when you can show that you know expected SOAR behavior to earn extra privileges.

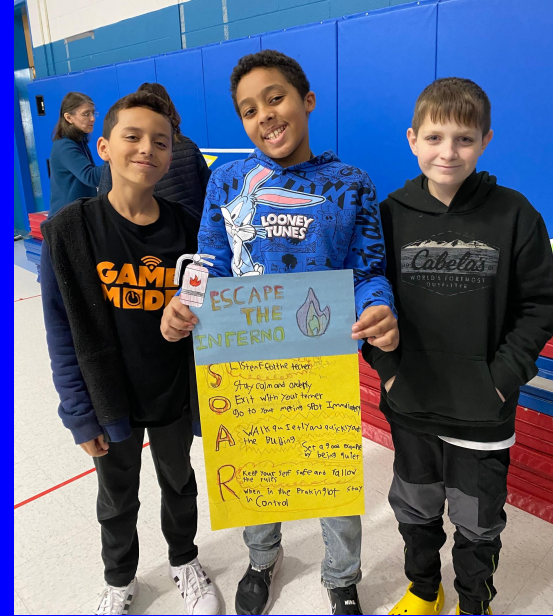
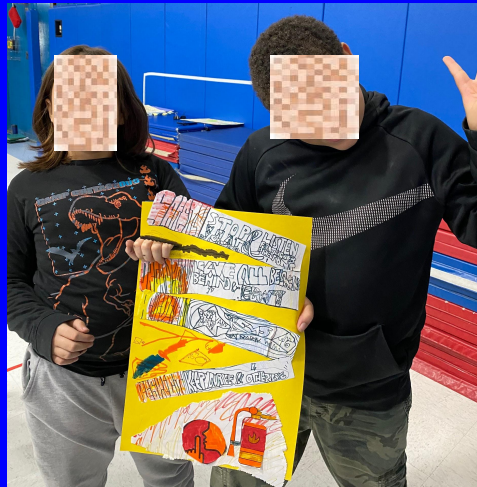


Safety

Organization

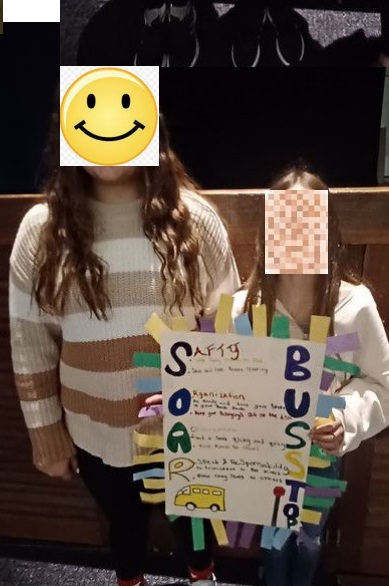
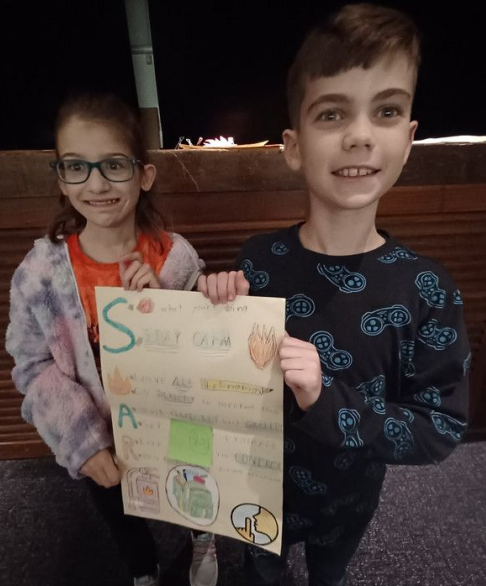
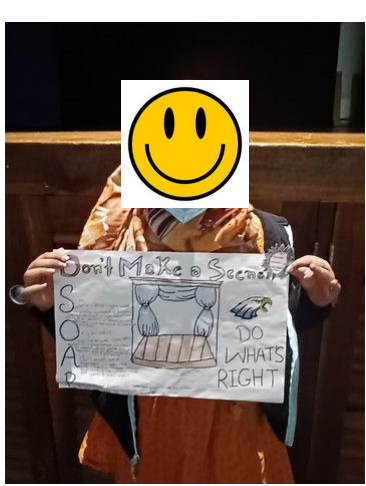
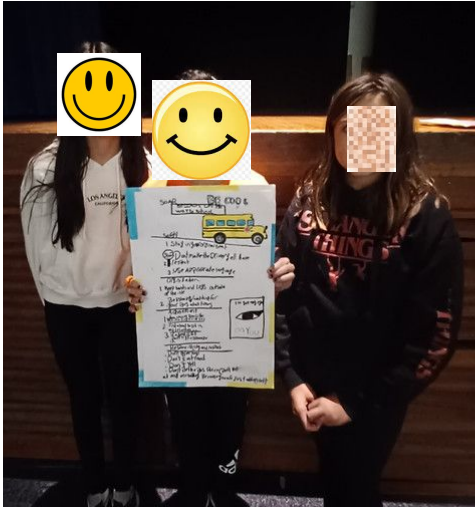
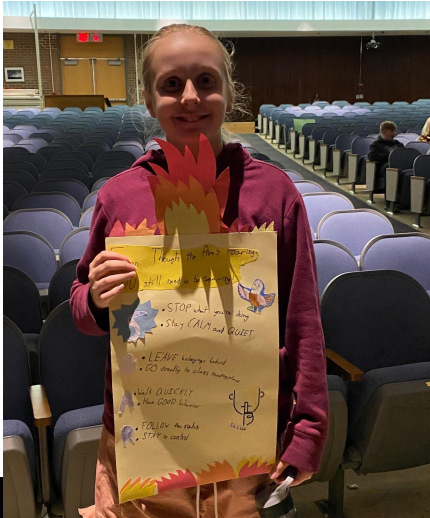
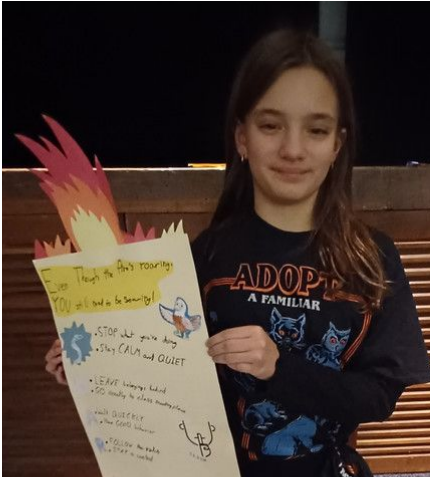
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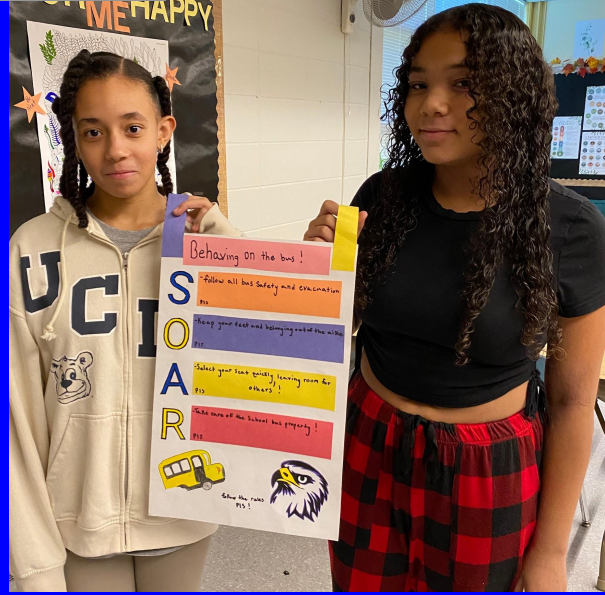
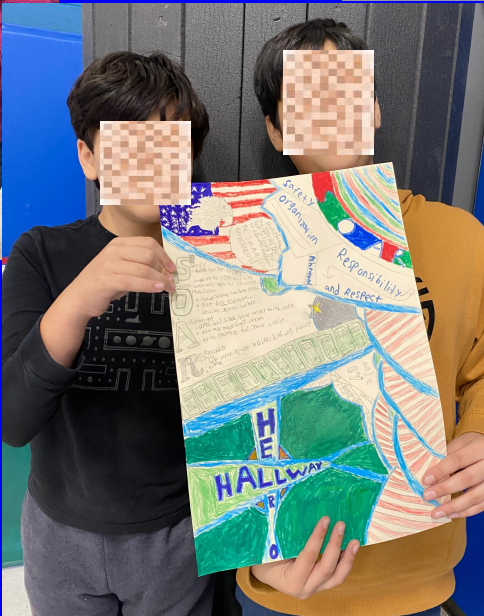
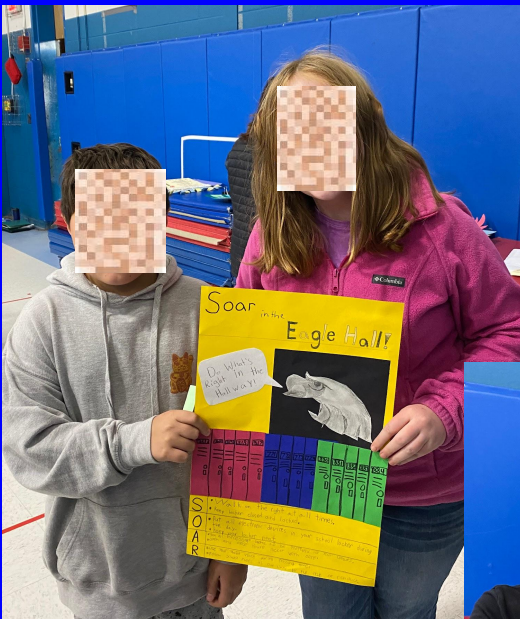
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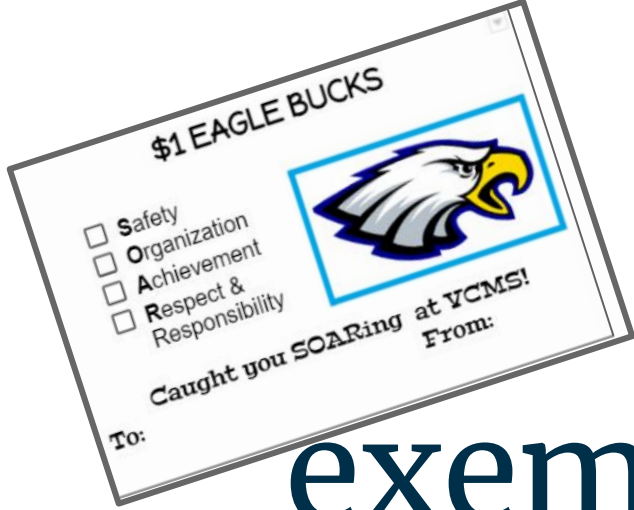


Poster Contest Winners!









If YOU



exemplify the SOAR values....

Earn VCMS Eagle Bucks!

Monthly Drawings for Prizes Roman

- Use Eagle Bucks to win a drawing prize! Prize bins will be available in the cafeteria!
- Listen to announcements for what the raffle is each month, enter with your bucks and listen to see if you won!

Friday Cafe Store Cart

- ★ Use your bucks to buy school supplies and fun little fidgets
- ★ Buy an “Eagle for a Day” lunch pass for \$20 (Eagle Bucks)

Community Corner Gift Store Room 13

- ◆ Shop for a birthday
- ◆ Shop for a thank you
- ◆ During Eagle Time

VCMS and Vernon Community Core

mason



When Veterans day was coming every class made veterans cards honoring the people and how they risked their life for us and our safety.



We support Veterans

THANK YOU FOR LISTENING



ANY QUESTIONS??

What's Coming Up...



Mrs. Martin

<u>Second Step:</u> Developing Empathy Considering Perspectives	Peer Mediation And Conflict Resolution	Making Friends Bullying Prevention
Working in Groups Digital Citizenship	Social Emotional Learning	SOAR Expectation Review

Thank you Ainsley, Roman, Mason, Grey, and Gigi for your excellent work!

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Decision Requested

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Agenda Item 7.1

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AGENDA REPORTING FORM


Subject: Consent Agenda

Background: The Board is requested to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda for November 27, 2023:

8.1

(a) Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Education Regular Meeting held on November 13, 2023

Recommendation: Motion: That the Vernon Board of Education approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda for November 27, 2023.



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DRAFT MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

A meeting of the Vernon Board of Education was held in-person and via Zoom Webinar at the Administration Building on Monday, November 13, 2023.

0.0 Call to Order

Dr. Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He invited Mrs. Karen Daigle, Vernon Town Clerk, to come forward to swear-in the newly elected Board of Education members.

1.0 Swearing in of New Board of Education Members

The following Board members were sworn in by Town Clerk Karen Daigle:

- Paul Grabowski
- Kristiana Wintress
- Karen Colt
- Anthony Bedlack
- Kriste Nucci
- Simone Sewell
- Susan Jablonecki

Dr. Macary then called for a moment of silence in honor of Frank Campanelli, Mrs. Daigle's father, who passed away last Tuesday. He thanked Mrs. Daigle for taking time away from her family to be here this evening to swear in the new Board members. Dr. Macary welcomed the new Board members to the 2023-2025 Board of Education.

2.0 Establish Quorum

Roll call was taken at 7:05 p.m.

There was a quorum. Board members present: Mr. Bedlack, Dr. Buxton, Ms. Colt, Mr. Grabowski, Mrs. Jablonecki, Ms. Nucci, Ms. Sewell, Mr. Thrall and Ms. Wintress.

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Student Representatives present: Aedan Ruddock and My-Ngoc Lai-Huyen.

Administration present: Superintendent Dr. Joseph Macary, Assistant Superintendent Mr. Robert Testa and Director of Business and Finance Mr. William Meier III.

3.0 Pledge of Allegiance

4.0 Election of Board of Education Officers

Dr. Macary announced that the election of the Board of Education officers will now commence and we will be following Robert's Rules of Order. By charter, we are required to vote for each officer on a paper ballot. Those ballots will be handed out once the nominations are announced for each office.

1. Dr. Macary opened nominations for Chair of the Vernon Board of Education. Mr. Bedlack nominated Mr. Thrall. Ms. Nucci nominated Mr. Grabowski. Dr. Buxton nominated Ms. Wintress. Dr. Macary asked three times if there were any other nominations. There were no more announced and nominations were then closed. Dr. Macary passed out paper ballots to each Board member to select the Board Chair from the three nominated members. After a few moments, Board Clerk Diane Ritchotte collected the ballots and handed them to Dr. Macary to tally. Once tallied, it was announced that Mr. Paul Grabowski has been elected Board Chair.
2. Dr. Macary opened nominations for Vice Chair of the Vernon Board of Education. Mr. Bedlack nominated Mr. Mason Thrall. Ms. Colt nominated Ms. Kristiana Wintress. Dr. Macary asked three times if there were any other nominations. There were no more announced and nominations were then closed. Dr. Macary passed out paper ballots to each Board member to select the Board Vice Chair from the two nominated members. After a few moments, Board Clerk Diane Ritchotte collected the ballots and handed them to Dr. Macary to tally. Once tallied, it was announced that Ms. Kristiana Wintress has been elected Board Vice Chair.
3. Dr. Macary opened nominations for Secretary of the Vernon Board of Education. Mr. Thrall nominated Dr. Buxton. Ms. Nucci nominated Ms. Colt. Dr. Macary asked three times if there were any other nominations. There were no more announced and

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nominations were then closed. Dr. Macary passed out paper ballots to each Board member to select the Board Secretary from the two nominated members. After a few moments, Board Clerk Diane Ritchotte collected the ballots and handed them to Dr. Macary to tally. Once tallied, it was announced that Ms. Karen Colt has been elected Board Secretary.

Dr. Macary welcomed everyone to the 2023-2025 Board of Education and turned the meeting over to newly elected Board Chair Paul Grabowski. Mr. Grabowski said it was an honor to be chosen as Chair and hoped that all Board members will continue to work together to do what's best for kids. He looks forward to working with everyone.

5.0 Recognitions and Presentations

5.1 Presentation by Center Road School Students (BOE Goal #1, #2)

CRS Principal Mrs. Heather Earley introduced her team, which included Assistant Principal Mrs. Lori Purcaro, 4th Grade Math teachers Mr. McNamar, Ms. Tran, Mrs. Giannelli and Ms. Caffery as well as 8-4th Grade math students. Mr. McNamar led the students in their demonstration. The students were instructed to show how they find different ways to solve math problems. They worked in groups on white boards and talked about their strategy out loud with one another. They also displayed various hand signals of communication that they use in the classroom. In conclusion, the students showed how they could use different methods to solve a given math problem and come up with the same answer.

6.0 Secretary's Report

6.1 Opportunity for Board of Education to add/delete urgent agenda items

Dr. Macary asked that an item be added to tonight's agenda; a Review and Update to the 2023-2024 District Calendar.

MOTION: Mr. Thrall moved to add agenda item 11.3, Review and Update to the 2023-2024 District Calendar
SECOND: Ms. Wintress
VOTE: Unanimous

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6.2 Rockville High School Student Representative Report

My-Ngoc Lai-Huyen reported on the following:

- As of November 13th, 49 Seniors have submitted college applications. This is approximately 20% of the class.
- As of November 6th, RHS has hosted 42 colleges and universities. Interested RHS students are able to meet with admissions representatives during these visits.
- On October 27th, the School Counseling Department took 52 Seniors for an informational session and tour of the UConn Storrs campus.
- RHS celebrated Veterans' Day with an assembly on Friday for veterans.
- The football team won their game last Thursday against Stafford, 35-0.

Aedan Ruddock reported on the following:

- The football team has a game on Friday, November 17th at Windsor Locks at 6:00 PM.
- The winter sports registration deadline is this Friday, November 17th.
- The football team has their Senior Night game on Wednesday, November 22nd at RHS against Ellington at 6:30 PM.
- The RHS School Store is having a sale on Friday, November 17th and Tuesday, November 21st, before school and during lunch waves. The sale is to support the Mr. RHS contest.

7.0 Community Forum

Opportunity for comments on agenda items, potential future agenda items, or general information provided to the Board from citizens and community organizations (Individual speakers shall be limited to five minutes and the total time for public forum shall be limited to 15 minutes.)

Mrs. Maryann Levesque, 183 Bolton Road, Vernon, came forward to congratulate the newly elected Board of Education members. She wished them much success during their terms.

Mr. Michael Winkler, 20 Gottier Drive, Vernon, congratulated the newly elected Board of Education members. He wanted to bring up a situation in 2013 where the Board presented the

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budget to the Town, asking for what they thought they would need to run the schools. The Town Council subsequently cut 1.6 million dollars from the proposed BOE budget. The tax payers voted the budget down in a referendum because they thought it didn't have enough to run the schools. The Town reconsidered and put 1 million dollars back in the budget and it subsequently passed. Mr. Winkler asked the Board to carefully consider what they think it will take to run the District next year and present that number to the Town.

8.0 Consent Agenda

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(a) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting held on
October 23, 2023

MOTION: Dr. Buxton moved to approve Consent Agenda Item 7.1(a)
SECOND: Ms. Wintress
VOTE: Unanimous

9.0 Personnel

9.1 Review of Job Descriptions (BOE Goal #2)

Mr. Testa provided the Board with the following job descriptions for their review:

- Teacher
- Paraeducator
- Cafeteria Worker

He explained the format of each and noted that there are no changes to these, just information sharing. Dr. Macary said that these were created 7 years ago and there are approximately 50 job descriptions on the Vernon Public Schools website.

10.0 Teaching and Learning

10.1 Next Generation Accountability Index (BOE Goal #2)

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Mr. Testa shared the results of the 2022-2023 Next Generation Accountability Index with the Board. This report provides a more complete picture of a school or district. His presentation included three segments: a detailed PowerPoint of the results and how they compare to the State and other districts; the actual reports downloaded from the State site; a PowerPoint presentation with instruction on how to read the results. He reviewed the 12 indicators and Vernon's results within each. For the 2022-2023 school year, Vernon Public Schools performed above the State of CT average in 18 out of 23 indicators. VPS earned 70% or better in 14 out of 23 indicators. The State earned 70% or better in 9 out of 23 indicators. One area of concern is attendance. Vernon Public Schools had a higher absenteeism rate than the State and we need to work on this. Mr. Testa also announced that two of Vernon's schools were named "Schools of Distinction" based on overall performance, growth and change in overall performance. They are Maple Street School and Northeast School.

11.0 General Business

11.1 Approval of the Vernon Board of Education 2024/2025 Budget Calendar (BOE Goal #1, #2, #3)

Dr. Macary announced that budget season is upon us and budget workshops will begin in January. He presented the proposed Budget Meeting Calendar for the Board's review and approval. Mr. Grabowski explained to the new Board members that this will be a very busy time where the Board will hammer out the Superintendent's proposed budget before approving and presenting to the Mayor for his review and the Town's approval. He said it is important for all Board members to attend each session noted on the calendar.

MOTION: Ms. Wintress moved to approve the Vernon Board of Education 2024/2025 Budget Calendar as presented and discussed
SECOND: Ms. Colt
VOTE: Unanimous

11.2 Neighborhood School Key (BOE Goal #1, #3)

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Dr. Macary announced that the previous Neighborhood School Key was last updated in 2011. Approximately 50 streets have been added to the new key and is being provided to the Board for informational purposes. No changes have been made to any of the school zones.

11.3 Review and Update of the 2023-2024 District Calendar (BOE Goal #1, #2)

Dr. Macary announced that he was notified by the Town Registrar of a Special Election that will need to take place on November 28th for the 12th Town Council seat. This is due to a tie for this seat at the November 7th election. This special election must be held at the standard polling places in town and will require use of four of our schools. This will require us to close school for that day and add a day to the end of the school calendar. Dr. Macary is proposing that Vernon Public Schools close on November 28th, resulting in the last day of school now being June 13th rather than June 12th.

MOTION: Dr. Buxton moved to approve the update to the 2023-2024 District Calendar as presented and discussed

SECOND: Mr. Bedlack

VOTE: Unanimous

12.0 Review and Update Board of Education Calendar

<https://www.vernonpublicschools.org/district-information/district-calendar>

No updates were made.

13.0 Opportunity for Questions from the Press Regarding Agenda Items

No one from the Press was in attendance.

14.0 Adjournment

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MOTION: Dr. Buxton made a motion to adjourn at 8:18 PM
SECOND: Ms. Nucci
VOTE: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Colt, Board Secretary

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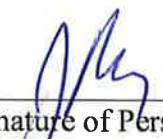
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AGENDA REPORTING FORM


Subject: Employee Group Census (BOE Goal #1, #2, #3)

Background: Assistant Superintendent Robert Testa will share with the Board an Employee Group Census as of 11/22/23.

Recommendation: No action required.



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Superintendent of Schools



**Vernon Board of Education Census
as of November 22, 2023**

Bargaining Units

Teachers	332
Administrators	22
Supervisors	2
Sec/Cust/Main	66
Paraeducators	108
Librarians/Lib Mgs	5
Nurses	8
Café	26
Total union staff	569

Hourly and Salary Non-affiliates

Cert Admin	3
Salary non-affiliated	20
Hourly non-affiliated	33
Total non-affiliated	56

Adult Education

Adult Education	65
Continuing Education	33
 Tutors	 1
 Substitute teachers	 79
Substitute nurses	4
Substitute café	1
Substitute tutors	0
 Athletic coaches	 18
Total	201

Total paid employees 826

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AGENDA REPORTING FORM


Subject: November 7, 2023 PD Day Follow-Up (BOE Goal #2)

Background: Assistant Superintendent Robert Testa will provide the Board with an update on the PD Day Sessions that took place on November 7, 2023.

Recommendation: No action required.



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Superintendent of Schools

Name of Session	# of Responses	Overall, the session was of high quality.	Overall, the content will be useful to me.	Overall, the presenter(s) was knowledgeable and effective.	The presenter(s) used appropriate instructional techniques.	I can use the knowledge and skills gained during this session to support the well-being of my students.	A positive and supportive climate and professional community was present during this session.
AAC (Speech and Language Pathologists)	4	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Artsonia (Art)	3	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Budgets & Purchasing	2	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Building-Based PD	35	3.94	3.91	3.94	3.94	3.91	3.97
Canva Tools for the Classroom	4	4.00	3.75	3.75	3.75	4.00	4.00
Creating Hands-On Math Centers	2	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Curriculum Development - Music	1	3.20	3.60	3.20	3.20	3.40	3.60
Curriculum Development - PE	1	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Curr. Review & Revising Formative Assessments (WL)	3	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Curr. Work & Course Expansion (Comp. Ed., FCS, and Tech.)	3	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
District Protocols for Reentry	4	3.50	3.25	3.00	3.50	3.75	4.00
Dr. Stein (Special Education)	8	3.38	2.50	3.63	3.25	2.75	3.50
Equitable Access - Tier 1 (Math)	3	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
FBAs and BIPs	5	3.40	3.40	3.60	3.40	3.40	3.40
First Aid & CPR	2	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Intervention Plan Development	3	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Karrie Sadler (Boost LA - Special Education)	1	3.00	2.00	3.00	3.00	2.00	4.00
Lexia Data Growth & Successes	9	3.89	3.44	3.78	3.78	3.44	3.78
Dibels-mClass Data	31	3.90	3.90	4.00	4.00	3.94	4.00
Music Dept. - Districtwide Meeting	5	3.60	3.80	3.60	3.60	3.80	3.80
NEASC & The Work	37	3.49	3.30	3.54	3.54	3.27	3.68
Next Gen Exemplar Training	9	3.56	3.56	3.67	3.67	3.67	3.67
Nonfiction Curriculum Skills & Strategies	4	3.73	3.73	3.91	3.64	3.55	4.00
PDEC Pilot Team	3	3.33	3.33	3.67	3.33	3.33	3.67
PE/Health Curriculum	3	3.33	3.67	3.67	3.67	3.67	4.00
PLC	24	3.79	3.88	3.75	3.75	3.83	3.75
Progress Monitoring	3	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Questioning & DOK	2	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Read Conn	3	4.00	3.75	4.00	4.00	3.75	4.00
Rosetta Stone Training	1	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
SAEBRS	8	3.88	3.88	3.88	3.88	3.88	3.88
SEL Curriculum	1	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00

SLIFE	3	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Unit/Standards Alignment	2	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
VCMS 101	2	4.00	4.00	3.50	3.50	3.50	4.00
Visioning (English Department)	1	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
WIN Block	31	3.81	3.74	3.84	3.84	3.77	3.90
Yale Art Galleries	1	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Weighted Average Based on Responses	267	3.78	3.77	3.84	3.81	3.78	3.92

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Agenda Item 10.1

Decision Requested

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Date

AGENDA REPORTING FORM

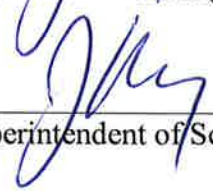
Subject: Approval of Board of Education Meeting Calendar for 2024 (BOE Goal #1, #2, #3)

Background: The Board of Education will review and approve the Board of Education Meeting Calendar for 2024.

Recommendation: Motion: That the Vernon Board of Education approve the 2024 meeting calendar as discussed and presented.



Signature of Person(s) Submitting Report



Superintendent of Schools

VERNON BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DATES
JANUARY 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 2024

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January 22, 2024	Board of Education Meeting Room, Third Floor, Administration Building
February 12, 2024	Board of Education Meeting Room, Third Floor, Administration Building
February 26, 2024	Board of Education Meeting Room, Third Floor, Administration Building
March 11, 2024	Board of Education Meeting Room, Third Floor, Administration Building
March 25, 2024	Board of Education Meeting Room, Third Floor, Administration Building
April 22, 2024	Board of Education Meeting Room, Third Floor, Administration Building
May 13, 2024	Board of Education Meeting Room, Third Floor, Administration Building
May 28, 2024 (Tuesday)	Rockville High School Library
June 10, 2024	Board of Education Meeting Room, Third Floor, Administration Building
June 24, 2024	Board of Education Meeting Room, Third Floor, Administration Building
August 26, 2024	Board of Education Meeting Room, Third Floor, Administration Building
September 9, 2024	Board of Education Meeting Room, Third Floor, Administration Building
September 23, 2024	Board of Education Meeting Room, Third Floor, Administration Building
October 15, 2024 (Tuesday)	Board of Education Meeting Room, Third Floor, Administration Building
October 28, 2024	Board of Education Meeting Room, Third Floor, Administration Building
November 11, 2024	Vernon Center Middle School Library
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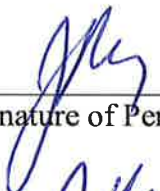
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AGENDA REPORTING FORM


Subject: Board of Education Member Liaisons and Committees (BOE Goal #1, #2, #3)

Background: Superintendent Dr. Macary will review the list of Board of Education member liaisons and committees with the Board.

Recommendation: No action required.



Signature of Person(s) Submitting Report



Superintendent of Schools

VERNON BOARD OF EDUCATION 2023-2024

			<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>
2025	D	Mr. Paul Grabowski, Chair	860-377-6412	paul.r.grabowski@gmail.com
2025	D	Ms. Kristiana Wintress, Vice Chair	904-329-5501	kristiana.wintress@vernonct.org
2025	D	Ms. Karen Colt, Secretary	860-573-6907	karenmcolt@gmail.com
2025	R	Mr. Anthony Bedlack	860-726-6078	officerbedlack49@aol.com
2025	R	Dr. Patricia Buxton	860-402-9238	smedleybuxton@gmail.com
2027	R	Mrs. Susan Jablonecki	860-707-5306	sjablonecki@gmail.com
2027	D	Ms. Kriste Nucci	860-508-0722	kristenucci312@gmail.com
2027	D	Ms. Simone Sewell	860-306-9808	ondalda25@yahoo.com
2025	R	Mr. Mason Thrall	860-539-9222	mason_thrall@yahoo.com

ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES: Aedan Ruddock, My-Ngoc Lai-Huyen

COMMITTEES

Finance

Paul Grabowski-Chair
Kriste Nucci
Kristiana Wintress
Patricia Buxton

Facilities

Kristiana Wintress-Chair
Paul Grabowski
Karen Colt
Mason Thrall

Policy

Karen Colt-Chair
Simone Sewell
Kriste Nucci
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Curriculum

Simone Sewell-Chair
Kriste Nucci
Kristiana Wintress
Patricia Buxton

Communications

Kriste Nucci-Chair
Simone Sewell
Karen Colt
Anthony Bedlack

Negotiations

Paul Grabowski-Chair
Karen Colt
Simone Sewell
Mason Thrall

Expulsion Hearings, Transportation Hearings and Personnel/Grievance Hearings will be heard by Board members who are available to attend the hearings as scheduled, provided there is a quorum.

The Superintendent's Evaluation and Budget Steering will be committees of the whole Board.

Liaisons

Rockville High School
Vernon Center Middle School
Center Road School
Lake Street School
Maple Street School
Northeast School
Skinner Road School

Kriste Nucci
Karen Colt
Paul Grabowski
Susan Jablonecki
Simone Sewell
Kristiana Wintress
Patricia Buxton

ASTE
Risk Management
School Wellness
CREC Representative
Town Council
Youth Services

Anthony Bedlack
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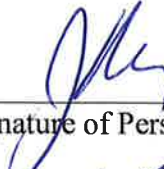
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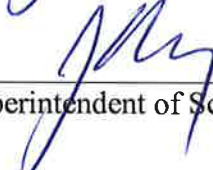
Subject: Update on Attendance at CABE/CAPSS Convention (BOE Goal #1, #2, #3)

Background: Superintendent Dr. Macary will share with the Board his attendance at the CABE/CAPSS Convention.

Recommendation: No action required.



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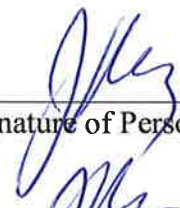
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AGENDA REPORTING FORM


Subject: CABE Board of Education "Board Distinction Award" (BOE Goal #1, #2, #3)

Background: Superintendent Dr. Macary will share with the Board their being awarded the 2023 CABE Board of Distinction Award – Level II

Recommendation: No action required.



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Superintendent of Schools



CABE Board of Education

Board of Distinction Award

High Standards • Dedication • Team Work

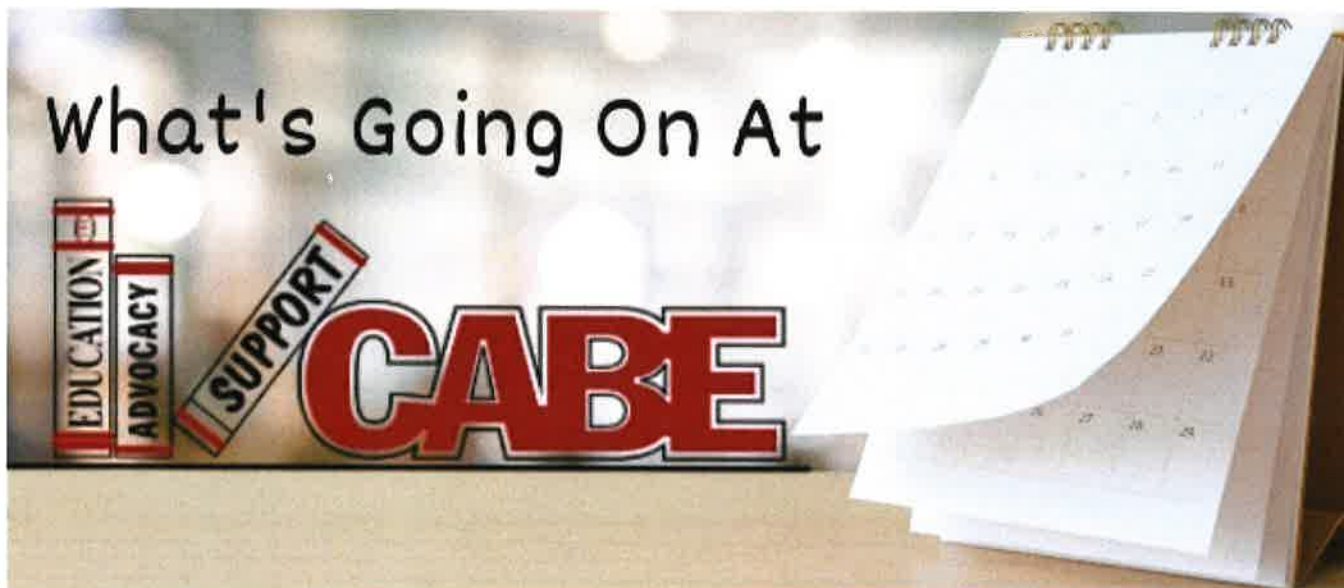
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2023



**FOR YOUR
INFORMATION**



from all of us at CABE!

November 22, 2023

*Click on the red letters to open up a new screen that will provide you with more information on that topic.

◆ **CABE Events** ◆



CABE State Relations Meeting

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

11:00 am

CABE Rovins Conference Room

Remote access available.

Lunch will be provided.

Watch your email for more information coming soon.

Religion and Holidays in the Schools Webinar

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

12:00 - 1:15 pm

FREE

The holidays are approaching... raising questions for board members, administrators and teachers:

- What curriculum objectives are addressed in the discussion of religion in the classroom?
- Can musical performances include religious music?
- Are the holiday observances in your classrooms and school legal?

Receive the latest legal guidance enabling you to review existing policies and provide appropriate direction to staff.

[Click here](#) for more information.

[Click here](#) to register.

New Board Member Orientation/Leadership Conference

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

Hartford Sheraton South, Rocky Hill

8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Two concurrent programs:

- **New Board Member Orientation** for newly elected board members, board members who have been on the board for less than 2 years and superintendents.
- **Leadership Conference** for board chairs, superintendents, board committee chairs, board leaders and those who aspire to these positions.

Plus a pre-conference session specific to each program.

[Click here](#) for more information and registration form.

[Click here](#) to register online.

The Board's Role in Advocacy Webinar

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

11:00 am - 12:15 pm

FREE

The 2024 Connecticut General Assembly Regular Session convenes on February 7, 2024. Now is the time to begin to plan your district's advocacy efforts.

Join us to understand the process and how your voice is necessary to advance public education.

[Click here](#) for more information.

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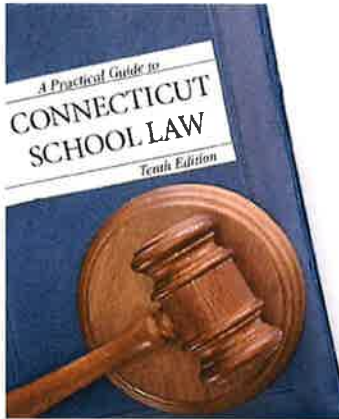
◆ C A B E Services ◆

NEW!

Understanding Connecticut's Freedom of Information Act - *Sixth Edition*

This book will provide guidance to public agencies and their members seeking to navigate the maze of edicts and exceptions associated with the FOIA.

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A Practical Guide to Connecticut School Law

Comprehensively revised and updated through the 2023 Legislative Session.

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New Board Member Packets

The first year as a new school board member can be difficult. The New Board Member Packet contains critical information a newly elected board member needs.

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◆ ***Recent Webinars in the CABA Webinar Library*** ◆

Great Boards: Building a Cohesive Team Between the Superintendent and the Board Chair

Do you know what a Great Board looks like.. and the impact it can have on your students, your schools and your community?

Are You Interested in Learning More about Becoming a Candidate for the Board of Education?

• ***NEW - September 19, 2023***

Learn more about what is involved in becoming a candidate for your local board of education.

As Book Bans Escalate Here's What You Need to Know

Come hear the latest concerns with the growing movement to ban books in schools and public libraries.

African American/Black and Puerto Rican/Latino Course of Studies

Legislative requirements, the curriculum development process and its impact.

Browse our webinar library for more archived webinars.

[Click here](#) for a full list of our past Webinar Series events.

◆ ***CABA Communications*** ◆

CABA Journal

The November [CABA Journal](#) was delivered electronically.

◆ *Outside Opportunities* ◆

CBIA and Local Chambers of Commerce present:

National Civics Bee

The National Civics Bee is an annual competition that encourages young Americans to engage in civics and contribute to their communities.

Participating 6th, 7th and 8th grade students can submit a 500 word essay and flex their civics knowledge for a chance to win recognition and cash prizes.

The online application portal is open.

[Click here](#) for a video of last year's competition.

[Click here](#) for more information.

Understanding AI and Its Impact on K-12 Education

Monday, December 11, 2023

8:00 am - 2:30 pm

CCSU Alumni Hall, New Britain

FREE

Topics include: Exploring the Potential Benefits and Challenges of AI in Education • Practical Applications of AI in Education • Ethical Implications of AI in Education • Sharing Thoughts and Ideas about the Impact of AI on K12 Education.

[Click here](#) for more information and to register.

HVAC Indoor Air Quality Grant Program

This new grant program addresses school facilities needs to install, replace or upgrade their heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems to support a healthy learning environment. Approximately \$244 million is available in this funding opportunity.

Application deadline is December 31, 2023.

[Click here](#) for more information.

◆ *Photos of the Week* ◆

**CABE/CAPSS Convention • Leading from Why!
November 17-18, 2023**

Delegate Assembly



Delegate Assembly panelists Patrice McCarthy, CABE Executive Director and General Counsel; Bob Mitchell, Montville; Meg Scata CABE VP for Government Relations (Portland); Liz Brown, CABE President (Waterbury) and CABE First Vice President Leonard Lockhart (Windsor).

Delegates vote on the resolutions before the Delegate Assembly.

Rep. Jeff Currey received the CABE Distinguished Legislator Award for his support of Public Education in Connecticut from CABE President Liz Brown (Waterbury) and CABE VP for Government Relations Meg Scata (Portland).

Convention



CABE Staff welcomes Convention participants.



Groton Superintendent Susan Austin applauds the student performers.



Friday's Keynote Speaker Justin Reich.



Convention participants discuss what they've learned.



CAPSS Superintendent of the Year Joe Macary, Vernon and Commissioner Charlene Russell-Tucker, CABE's Friend of Public Education award winner.



An annual favorite - the Nutmeg Board of Education meeting.



Commissioner Charlene Russell-Tucker and Connecticut State Board of Education Members Erin Benham and Karen Dubois-Walton meet with Convention participants.



Student panelists Ariana Mohamed, New Britain High School and Ben Aviad, Amity Regional High School respond to audience questions.



Outgoing CABE president Liz Brown, Waterbury and newly elected CABE President Leonard Lockhart, Windsor at the podium.



Saturday Keynote Speaker Barbara Hunter, APR.



Jim Gildea and George Kurtyka of Derby.



Bridgeport's Christine Baptiste-Perez and Superintendent Carmela Levy David enjoy the Convention.

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