PLYMOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CENTRAL OFFICE
27 NORTH HARWINTON AVENUE
TERRYVILLE, CONNECTICUT 06786

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of Plymouth Public Schools is to challenge, inspire, and prepare all students for success in an ever-changing and complex world.

SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
PLYMOUTH BOARD OF EDUCATION
CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE
CENTRAL OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM
27 NORTH HARWINTON AVENUE
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MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2026
6 P.M.

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MINUTES

Present: Mrs. Tilton, Chair; Mrs. Kulesa and Mr. Foote, committee members.

Also Present: Mr. Falcone, Superintendent

1. Call to Order and Pledge to the Flag

   Mrs. Tilton, Chair called the Special Meeting of the Plymouth Board of Education Curriculum & Instruction Committee to order on October 5, 2026, at 6:02. The group joined in the Pledge to the Flag.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

   MOTION: To entertain a motion to adopt the agenda as presented.

   Motion Mrs. Kulesa, second Mr. Foote any discussion, if none, all in favor, any opposed, any abstentions, motion carries.

3. Topics Discussed

   - September Benchmark Data
     - The data from our September IXL and DIBELS assessments were discussed.
     - Per the data collected and reviewed:
       - Since new curriculum and resources have been implemented in grades 1-5, there is consistent improvement in the percentage of students who score at or above grade level in both Math and Reading.
       - The percentage of students in grades 6-8 scoring at or above grade level in both Math and Reading was lower than that of the students in grades 1-5.
     - Next steps of utilizing the data collected to inform instruction and more time utilizing consistent instructional practices were discussed.

- Survey Results
    - To identify areas that may need the most attention, a research-based approach was utilized to review the survey results.
        - 20% or more of respondents identify the same concern, it may be an area worth considering.
        - 30% or more identify the same concern, it may warrant further discussion or possible action.
    - Based on the survey results, the following were discussed:
        - Meeting structure & Prep Time Protection.
        - Expanding Elective Courses, Career Pathways & College Credit.
        - Special Education, 504, ELL, Intervention, and Mental Health Staffing.

- Firearm Safety Curriculum
    - Discussion over which grade levels were appropriate for this curriculum (Grades 3, 6, 9).
    - Removal of school safety topic within the curriculum.
    - Discussion over who will teach the subject material: SRO or certified/retired officer.
    - Will move forward to the Board of Education for adoption of the topic to be taught with the understanding that more discussion needs to occur with regard to who will teach the content.

4. Adjournment

MOTION: To entertain a motion to adjourn at 7:14 p.m. Motion Mrs. Kulesa, second Mr. Foote all in favor, motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted

Patricia Piskorski

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