

Opening of Schools



School District Operations

-Emily Taylor

Key Facility Upgrades

Major Improvements Around the District

Doolittle Playground

- \$250,000 investment funded through the prior year's capital budget

CHS Fire Alarm Control System

- \$1.1 million capital project approved through the 2025 referendum

CHS Weight Room

- Removed the existing equipment and installed a new 7.5-ton Trane rooftop unit, including a new roof curb, ductwork, air distribution, registers, and insulation
- Installed new gas and condensate piping, completed system air balancing, and provided crane service for removal and installation



Repurposing Existing Assets

Smart Salvage, Smart Savings

General Facilities

- Salvaged usable equipment and materials from the former Norton School
- Items included water fountains, air-conditioning equipment, accessible handrails, bathroom fixtures, lighting, and other building components

Food & Nutrition

- Salvaged usable equipment from Norton and Chapman
- Highland received a new freezer and combi oven
- New Norton and Barnum kitchens feature all-electric equipment
- Staff trained on new equipment, including tilt skillets and combi ovens



Building Enhancements

Small Improvements, Big Impact

Dodd Middle School Cafeteria

- Replaced older bench-style cafeteria seating
- New tables provide seating for approximately 200 students

Doolittle Courtyard

- Courtyard renovation coordinated in partnership with the Soulful Grandma Brigade & PTO
- Enhancing an existing school space for students and the school community



Transportation By the Numbers



Innovating Transportation Systems

My Ride K-12: Transportation information in the palm of a hand- assigned bus stops, routes, scheduled times, real-time estimated arrival times

Online Transportation Forms: Available Seat Petitions, Transportation Opt-Outs, Centralized collection of family requests

Integrated Routing: Routing systems integrated with DATTCO, Improved coordination between district transportation and our transportation provider

New Transportation Manager: Richie Luper is promoted to Transportation Manager effective September 14

Technology

Opening Two New Schools

300+ new staff and student devices

- Device deployment and configuration
- Wi-Fi and network access
- Radio connectivity
- Technology infrastructure for two new campuses

New Security Technology

- Facial recognition implemented at the new campuses
- Supporting secure and efficient staff access

Copier Fleet Optimization

- Reduced and realigned the district's copier fleet to better match actual building needs and usage
- 15 new copiers across the district to replace 9-10 year old machines



Food & Nutrition

Meal Service is Off to a Strong Start!

In just the first two days of school, our Food & Nutrition team served 672 breakfasts and 3,423 lunches.

Breakfast is free for all students this year.

Applications for free and reduced-price lunch are available on the district website.

Welcome Maureen Nuzzo!

- Director of Food & Nutrition effective August 24
- Over 15 years of school nutrition experience

CHS Cafeteria Renovation

- Approximately \$125,000 investment
- Installation of new combi ovens
- Structural reconfiguration and improvements

CHESHIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL MEALS MENU CHESHIRE HIGH		SEPTEMBER 2026				
		MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
7		 No School				
14	Line 1 - HOT	Chicken Parm, Pasta & Garlic Knot	Line 1 - HOT	Chicken Nachos	Line 1 - HOT	Boneless Wings & Garlic Toast
	Line 3 - BOWL	Mashed Potato Bowl	Line 3 - BOWL	BBQ Rice Bowl	Line 3 - BOWL	Southwest Salad
15	VEG	Green Beans	Line 3 - BOWL	Mac & Cheese	Line 3 - BOWL	Crispy Chicken
	FRUIT CHOICE	Black Beans	VEG	Southwest Rice	Line 3 - BOWL	Salad Bowl
16	Line 1 - HOT	Stuffed Shells	Line 1 - HOT	Chicken Tenders	Line 1 - HOT	Tots & Biscuit
	Line 3 - BOWL	Southwest Rice	Line 3 - BOWL	Mac & Cheese	Line 3 - BOWL	Crispy Chicken
17	VEG	Carrots	Line 3 - BOWL	Southwest Rice	Line 3 - BOWL	Salad Bowl
	FRUIT CHOICE	Cauliflower	VEG	Green Beans	Line 3 - BOWL	Grape Tomatoes
18	Line 1 - HOT	Crispy Chicken	Line 1 - HOT	Chicken Tenders	Line 1 - HOT	Tots & Biscuit
	Line 3 - BOWL	Pasta Bowl	Line 3 - BOWL	Mac & Cheese	Line 3 - BOWL	Crispy Chicken
19	VEG	Garden Salad	Line 3 - BOWL	Southwest Rice	Line 3 - BOWL	Salad Bowl
	FRUIT CHOICE	Cucumbers	VEG	Green Beans	Line 3 - BOWL	Grape Tomatoes

MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Assistant Superintendent

-Marlene Silano

Summer Happenings

Aviation Open House

★ EXPLORE. DISCOVER. TAKE FLIGHT. ★



**DISCOVER YOUR
FUTURE
IN AVIATION!**

EXPLORE AVIATION. DISCOVER POSSIBILITIES. LAUNCH YOUR FUTURE.

OPEN TO STUDENTS ENTERING 7TH, 8TH & 9TH GRADE!

 **FOR STUDENTS ENTERING
7TH, 8TH & 9TH GRADE
(AND THEIR PARENTS)**
who are interested in exploring
potential pathways to
aviation careers!

 **DATE & TIME**
THURSDAY, JUNE 25TH
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

 **LOCATION**
MERIDEN AIRPORT
213 Evansville Ave
Meriden, CT 06450

**JOIN US FOR AN EXCITING
AVIATION OPEN HOUSE!**

-  **MEET PILOTS**
Talk with pilots and learn about their journeys.
-  **TOUR THE HANGAR**
See aircraft up close and get a behind-the-scenes look.
-  **TOUR THE MAINTENANCE FACILITY**
Explore the maintenance shop and see how
aircraft are kept flying safely.
-  **TOUR THE AIRPLANE**
Check out the aircraft and learn how they work.
-  **AIRPORT OPERATIONS**
Learn how the airport runs safely every day.
-  **LEARN ABOUT FLIGHT SCHOOL,
MAINTENANCE CAREERS AND MORE**
Discover the many pathways to a career in aviation.
-  **OPEN HOUSE**
Ask questions, meet professionals, and explore
your future in aviation!

 **DREAM IT. EXPLORE IT.
FLY INTO YOUR FUTURE!**

QUESTIONS? CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELORS:

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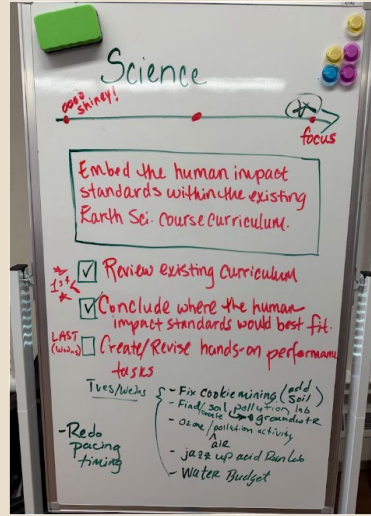
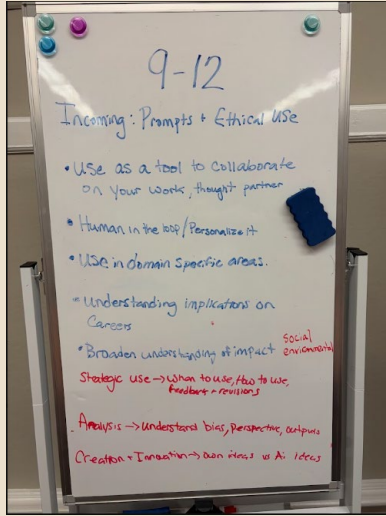






Summer
School

Planning and Preparations

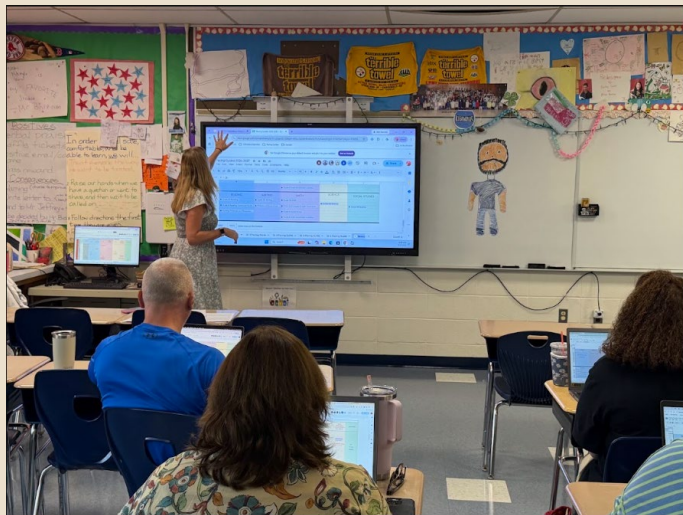


CHESHIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

FACULTY CLASS OF 2026-2027



Hiring the best, a collective effort



Professional Learning



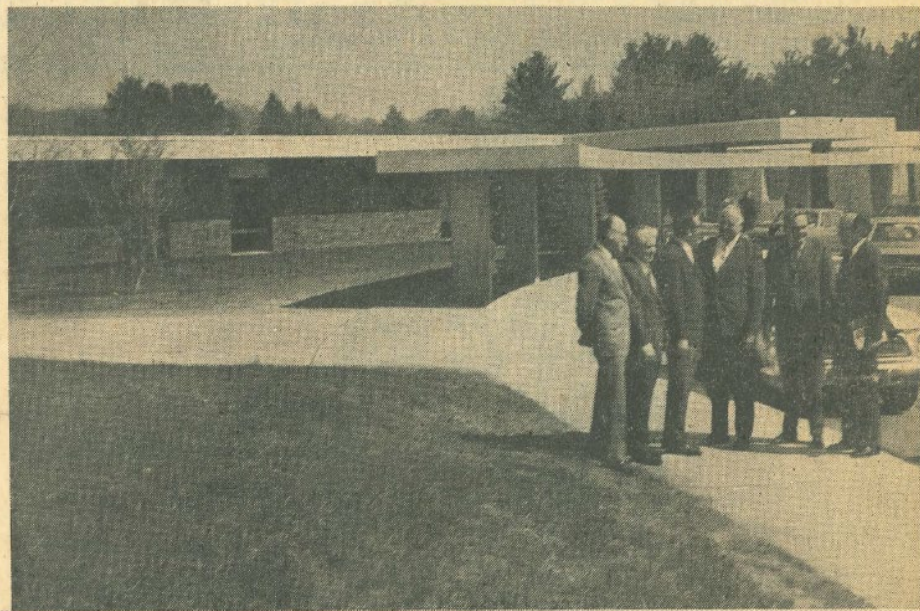
2026-2027 School Opening

-Dr. Jeffrey Solan

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At Dedication Of Highland School

Principal participants in the Highland School dedication Sunday pose in front of the \$3.8 million Cheshire elementary school. Between 300 to 400 persons attended the afternoon ceremonies. From left to right, Fran Ellis, Board of Education chairman; Stephen August, superintendent of schools; Edwin Kania, Council Mayor; Edwin Toth, chairman of the School Building Committee; Chet Crowley Jr., Highland School teacher-administrator, and Frank George, representing Fletcher-Thompson, Inc., school architects. (Vacaro photo)

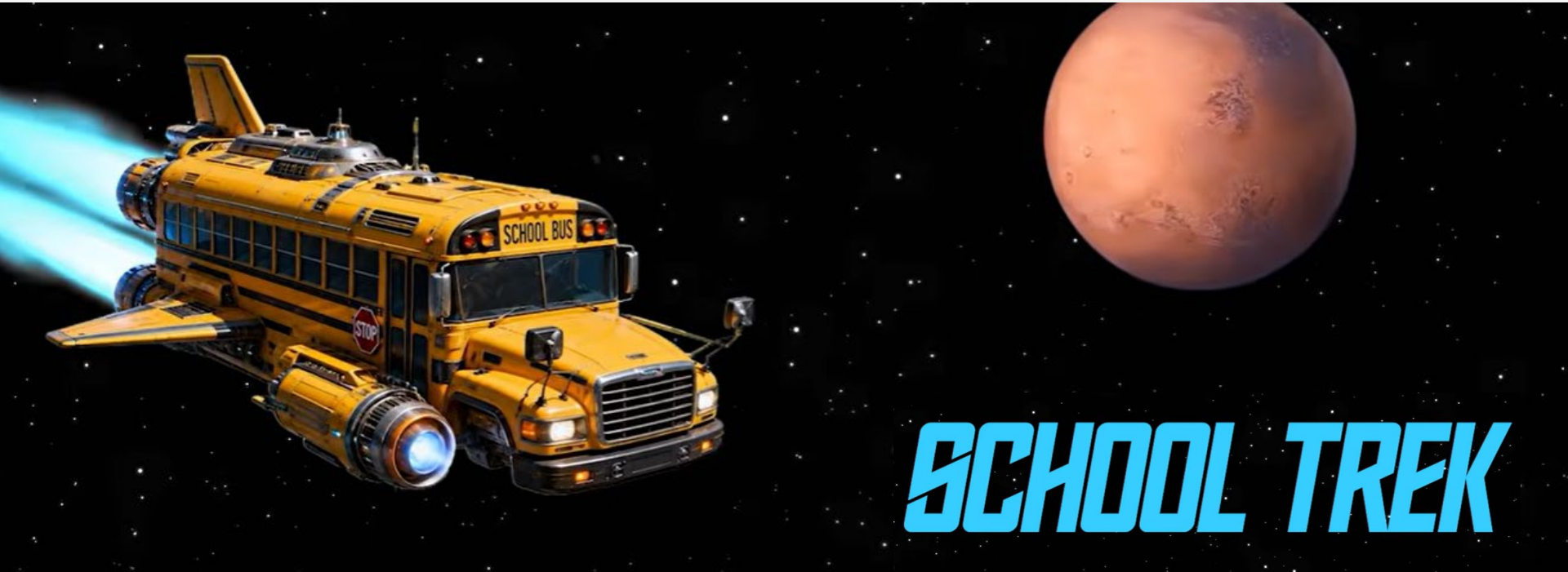
**LOOKING BACK.
LEAPING FORWARD.**

**10 YEARS OF MISSION.
ON TO THE NEXT FRONTIER.**



CHESHIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS CONVOCATION 2026

School Opening - Convocation









CHS Marching Ram Band

Led the group in the National Anthem and played a sample of the music from their fall show.

Dr. Solan



Ms. Silano



Ms. Taylor



Ms. Rosenberg



Sean Kimball
Town Manager



Derek Gromko
CEF Chair



John Redford
EAC President



Laurie DelCore



**2026-2027
Paraeducator Of The Year**



Ian Wildermann 2026-2027 Teacher Of The Year



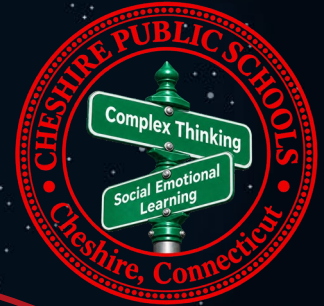
THE NEW FRONTIER...

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

**Preparing for the future that nobody can
predict.**

OUR NORTH STAR REMAINS

We will always focus on
what matters most:



Complex Thinking

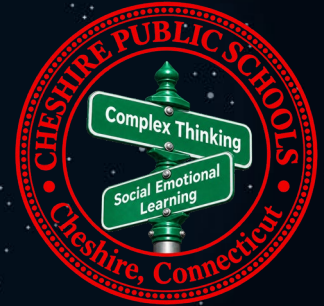
Reasoning, inquiry,
problem solving skills,
and the exploration of
ideas

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Social-Emotional Learner

Self-awareness,
self-regulation, cultural
awareness,
and empathy.

YOU ARE POSITIONED FOR OPTIMAL SUCCESS!



What does that look like?

- Using your knowledge of pedagogy and content to best leverage AI
- Using your knowledge of your students to know what they need
- Using your knowledge of the content and performance standards
- Creating lessons that challenge students to immerse themselves in engaging, rigorous tasks that demand Complex Thinking and SEL

TOGETHER, WE WILL...

- ▶ Design engaging learning experiences that build CT & SEL
- ▶ Use AI to tailor, differentiate, and challenge
- ▶ Collaborate, innovate, and share
- ▶ Continuously learn and adapt

**Better learning. Deeper growth.
Limitless potential.**



You Belong Here





2026-2027 School Opening

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School by School Reports

Enrollment

Italics = Projected

Bold = Actual First Day Enrollment

Barnum School



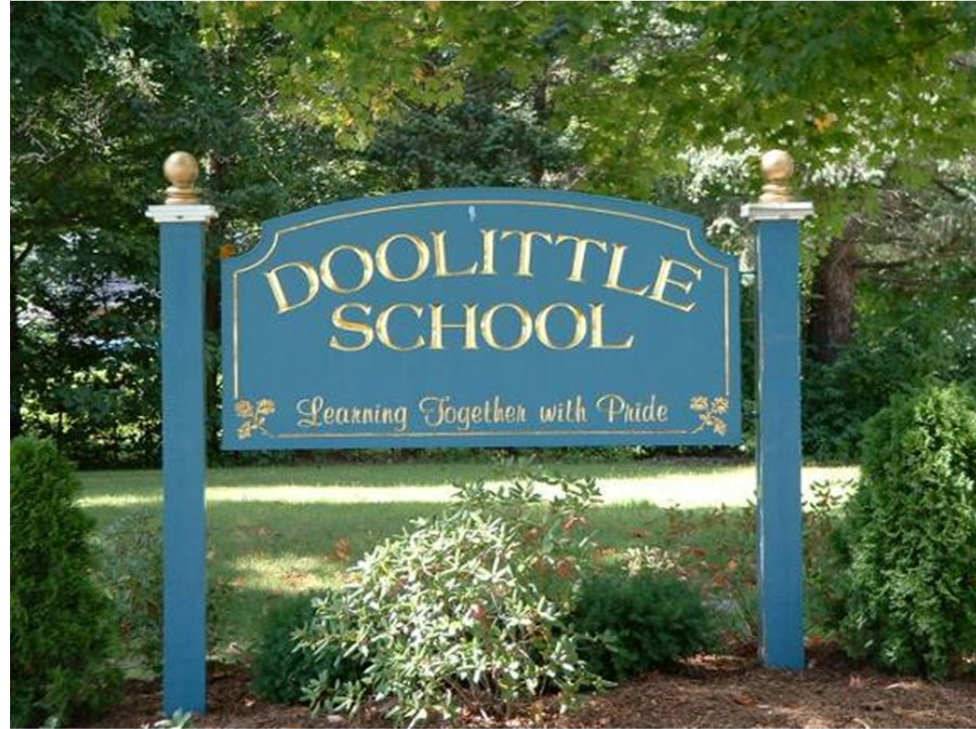
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Barnum School

9/10/26 Enrollment

	<i>Projected</i>						<i>Actual</i>				
KINDERGARTEN	15	15	15	15	15		14	14	13	13	
GRADE 1	14	15	15	15	15		17	16	16	15	15
GRADE 2	20	20	20	21			21	20	20	20	
GRADE 3	18	18	19	19			18	18	17	17	
GRADE 4	19	19	20	20			21	21	21	21	
GRADE 5	19	20	20	20	20		20	20	20	19	19
GRADE 6	21	22	22	22			21	20	20	20	
<i>Classroom Teachers</i>					31		30				
<i>Total Students</i>					568		547				
					18.3		18.2				

Doolittle School



Doolittle School

9/10/26 Enrollment

	<i>Projected</i>					Actual			
KINDERGARTEN	17	17	17	18		17	17	17	15
GRADE 1	16	17	17	17		16	15	15	15
GRADE 2	18	18	18			17	16	16	
GRADE 3	19	20	20	20		19	19	18	18
GRADE 4	17	17	17	18		16	16	15	15
GRADE 5	21	22	22	22		21	21	20	20
GRADE 6	22	23	23			21	21	19	
<i>Classroom Teachers</i>				26		26			
<i>Total Students</i>				493		455			
				19.0		17.5			

Highland School



Highland School

9/4/25 Enrollment

	Projected								Actual							
KINDERGARTEN	16	17	17	17	17	17			17	17	17	16	16	16		
GRADE 1	16	16	16	17	17	17	17		16	15	15	15	15	15	15	
GRADE 2	18	18	19	19					19	19	19	18				
GRADE 3	18	18	18	18	18	18			18	18	18	18	18	17		
GRADE 4	20	21	21	21	21				22	20	20	20	19			
GRADE 5	20	20	21	21	21	21			22	21	20	20	20	20		
GRADE 6	23	24	24	24					22	20	20	20	18			
Classroom Teachers			38						39							
Total Students			722						711							
			19.0						18.2							

Norton School



Norton School

9/4/25 Enrollment

	<i>Projected</i>						Actual				
KINDERGARTEN	15	16	16	16	16		18	18	18	17	17
GRADE 1	16	17	17	17	17		17	17	17	17	16
GRADE 2	16	16	16	17			16	16	16	14	
GRADE 3	18	18	19	19			17	16	16	16	
GRADE 4	21	21	22	22			22	22	20	20	
GRADE 5	23	23	24	24			24	24	24	23	
GRADE 6	22	22	23	23			24	23	22	22	
<i>Classroom Teachers</i>							30				
<i>Total Students</i>							569				
							19.1				
							19.0				

Dodd Middle School



Dodd Middle School

9/10/26 Enrollment

	Projected	Actual	Difference
Grade 7	338	335	-3
Grade 8	360	351	-9
TOTAL	698	686	-12

Cheshire High School



Cheshire High School

9/4/25 Enrollment

	<i>Projected</i>	Actual	Difference
Grade 9	<i>345</i>	337	-8
Grade 10	<i>314</i>	315	1
Grade 11	<i>316</i>	299	-17
Grade 12	<i>322</i>	301	-21
Total	<i>1297</i>	1252	-45

Open Choice Students by School/Grade

School	Grade	# of Students
BARNUM (2)	3	1
	6	1
NORTON (1)	6	1
DODD (5)	7	2
	8	3
CHS (32)	9	9
	10	8
	11	7
	12	8
Total		40

(Included in Enrollment)

Enrollment Summary

	<i>Projected</i>	Actual	Difference
Barnum	568	547	-21
Doolittle	493	455	-38
Highland	722	711	-11
Norton	572	569	-3
Total K-6	2355	2282	-73
Dodd	698	686	-12
CHS	1297	1252	-45
Total K-12	4350	4220	-130

Enrollment Summary

	<i>2025 Actual</i>	<i>2026 Actual</i>	Difference
Total K-6	2264	2282	18

Cheshire Public Schools

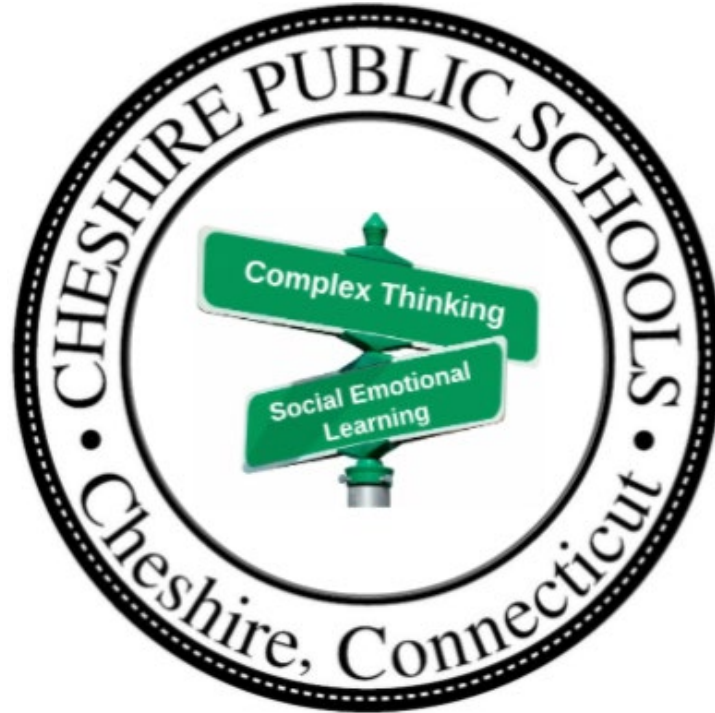


Strategic Planning Initiative

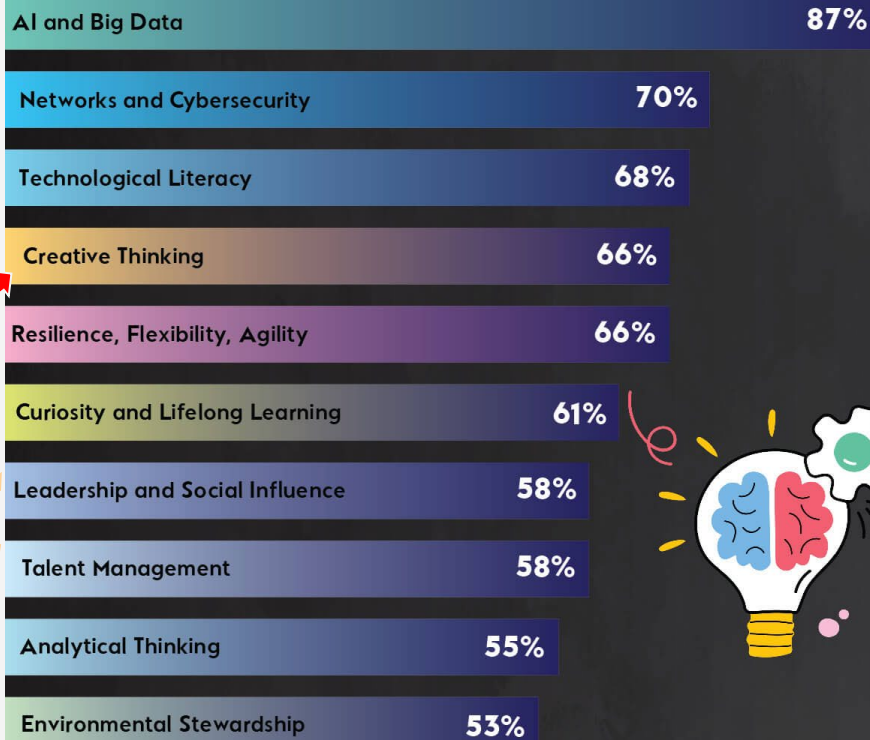
Mission Statement

The Cheshire Public Schools, in partnership with families and the community, will prepare all students to meet the challenges of an ever-changing, global society by providing high quality educational opportunities that inspire lifelong learning and service to others.

Community Adopted Direction of our Schools



TOP 10 SKILLS ON THE RISE BY 2030



Social
Emotional
Learning

Complex
Thinking



Cheshire Performance Standards

- Complex Thinker
- Collaborative/Cooperative Worker
- Community Contributor
- Creative Thinker
- Effective Communicator
- Self-Directed Learner

Adopted by the Board of Education as revised: July, 2019

Social Emotional Learning Theory of Action

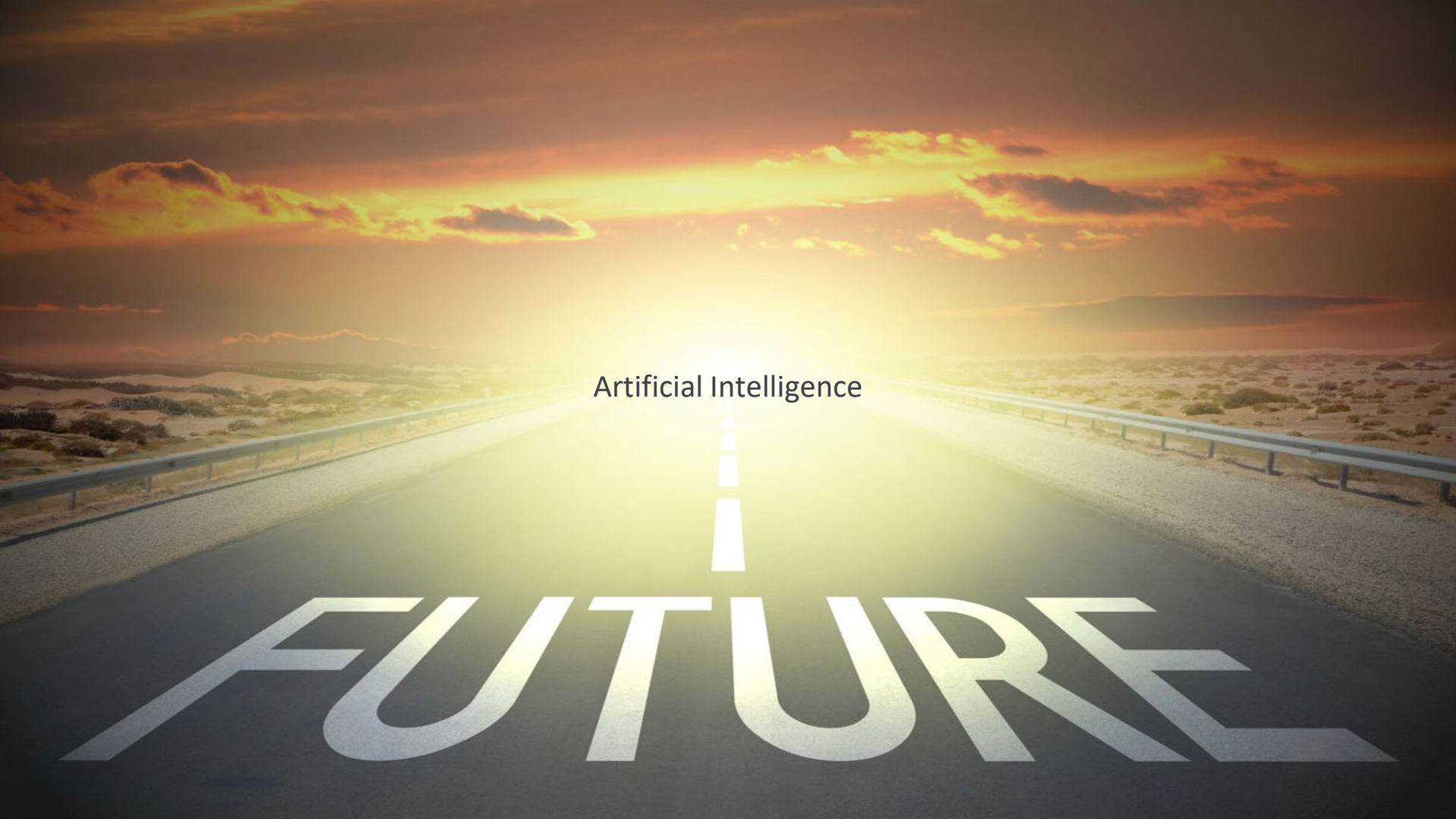


If the Cheshire Public Schools consciously focuses on the social-emotional development of our students, ***then*** *school practices will demonstrate a clear focus on social-emotional growth, and* students will demonstrate self-awareness, self-regulation, cultural awareness, and empathy.

Complex Thinking Theory of Action



If the Cheshire Public Schools engages in a strategic, systemic alignment of curriculum, assessment, instruction, professional development, and resources around complex thinking, ***then*** classroom instructional practice will demonstrate a clear focus on complex thinking, and student work will demonstrate complex reasoning, inquiry, problem solving skills, and the exploration of ideas (creativity and innovation).

A wide-angle photograph of a two-lane asphalt road stretching into the distance under a dramatic sunset sky. The sun is a bright, glowing orb on the horizon, casting a long, intense light down the center of the road. The sky is filled with dark, silhouetted clouds. The landscape on either side of the road is a dry, desert-like environment with sparse, low-lying vegetation and distant mountains. The word "FUTURE" is painted in large, white, sans-serif capital letters across the lower half of the road. Above the road, the words "Artificial Intelligence" are written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font, appearing to float in the air.

Artificial Intelligence

FUTURE

Next Steps

- Leveraging AI to support educators in designing lessons that challenge students to immerse themselves in engaging, rigorous tasks that demand Complex Thinking and SEL
- Roll out our plan to teach students to be literate in AI
- Complete our Geometry curriculum revisions to support our accelerated pathway for all
- Expand our work on the You Belong Here programming
- Continue to develop our career pathway exploration for students