

***New Hartford Public Schools***  
Board of Education Curriculum Subcommittee Agenda  
6:30 PM on Tuesday, May 6, 2025  
Antolini School Library

1. EL Education implementation update and next steps

- Heather Mathes updated the committee on the implementation of the EL Education ELA curriculum. The implementation of this curriculum is currently in phase 2 of a two year implementation plan. The focus of this year has been the implementation of the SKILLS / ALL Block component of the curriculum. Additionally, our library media specialist is piloting a supplemental component called LABS.
- Heather Mathes described many of the benefits we are experiencing with this implementation including high student engagement, quality of student writing and grammar, increased vocabulary and reading comprehension.
- Next steps in year three will focus on evaluating success and impact on students, review assessments and align the curriculum with a new report card. Targeted professional development will be implemented based on need and the teacher evaluation process.

2. K-8 Curriculum Council update

- This council is composed of New Hartford, Barkhamsted, Colebrook, Norfolk, Hartland, and Region 7 middle school. The goal is to identify focused areas for collaboration and curriculum work.
- Members had a meeting in January to reinstate the collaboration. The committee will meet 2-3 times per year. Additionally, subcommittees will be established to complete specific tasks and objectives of this council.

3. Report Card Revision

- Heather Mathes shared that a report card revision committee has been established to continue standards-based grading practices that are aligned to our current curriculum and instruction.

4. Community events - Read Across America (February), Pi Day (March), Celebration of Learning (May), Summer Learning
  - Heather Mathes shared how the district has been incorporating community events such as World Read Aloud Day, Pi Day, and annual Celebration of Learning.
5. Adjournment