Executive Committee

MEETING AGENDA

Friday, September 25, 2026
44 Hatchetts Hill Road, Old Lyme, CT 06371 | 8:30 – 9:45 AM

Hybrid Meeting: TEAMS LINK [Meeting ID: 263 530 751 018 946 Passcode: ge7wr6hL]

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1. Review October 2026 Board of Directors' Agenda
2. Washington, D.C. Federal AESA Advocacy Update
3. Magnet School Assistance Program (MSAP)
4. Bid Waiver Request: **Three Rivers Community College**
5. Bid Waiver Request: **MDR to protect LEARN devices**
6. Quote Request Summary: **New England Science and Sailing – MSMHS Programming**
7. Adjournment

LEARN BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, October 8, 2026
44 Hatchetts Hill Road, Old Lyme, CT 06371 | 9:00 AM

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1 CALL TO ORDER: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2 AUDIENCE AND GUESTS: INTRODUCTIONS

3 PUBLIC COMMENT

4 READING AND/OR REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 Copy of written resignation of Board Member W. Scott Brown from the Board of Education of Regional School District 18, effective September 30, 2026.

4.2 LEARN - Educator and Leader Evaluation and Support Plan 2026-2027 Checklist Submission.

5 SUPERINTENDENT'S PERSPECTIVE – Dr. Paul Freeman, Superintendent of Guilford Public Schools, to present on the Strategic Plan and Key District Initiatives of the district.

6 CONSENT AGENDA

6.1 Approval of the DRAFT Minutes, Regular Business Meeting of September 10, 2026

6.2 Approval of Budget Summary as of September 30, 2026

6.3 Approval of Grant Applications:

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7 INFORMATION FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

7.1 Hiring (resignations and new hires, including trend reports)

7.2 Distributions

7.3 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

7.3.1 Regular Business Meeting of September 25, 2026

7.4 The LEARN Project, Inc. Meeting Minutes

7.4.1 September 25, 2026

7.5 LEARN Building Committee Meeting Minutes

7.5.1 Supplemental Business Meeting of September 10, 2026

7.5.2 Regular Business Meeting of August 28, 2026

7.6 Legislative Updates

7.7 LEARN Agency Updates

8 OLD BUSINESS

9 NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Updated Drone Footage: Early LEARNing Magnet School Project

9.2 HR Policy?

10 EDUCATIONAL PERSPECTIVE: Sarah Moon, LEARN Director of Special Services, and Adrenna Paolillo, LEARN Assistant Director, to present an overview and update on Early Childhood Education (ECE).

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11 ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: Technology use, artificial intelligence (AI) in schools, cashless payment systems, and preschool expansion.

12 FUTURE ROUNDTABLE TOPICS

13 ADJOURNMENT

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Sample Bid Waiver Request:

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WAIVER FOR: Three Rivers Community College

DATE OF REQUEST: September 2026

FISCAL YEAR OF PURCHASE OR SERVICES: 2026-2027

DEPARTMENT/SCHOOL PROGRAM BUDGET CODE: TRMC 18600/38600

SUPERVISOR OF PROGRAM: Brad Columbus

MATERIALS OR SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED:College courses for TRMC

RECOMMENDED VENDOR/CONTRACTOR: Three Rivers Community College

COST OF REQUEST: Estimated $270,805.20 for 2026-2027

BID WAIVER REQUEST RATIONALE: Sole source

RECOMMENDED BY: DATE Maria Cuadros 9/16/26

Revised: January 9, 2020

Revised: May 14, 2026

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WAIVER FOR: MDR to protect LEARN devices

DATE OF REQUEST: 8/26/2026

FISCAL YEAR OF PURCHASE OR SERVICES: 2027

DEPARTMENT/SCHOOL PROGRAM BUDGET CODE: IT 80102`

SUPERVISOR OF PROGRAM: Lance Hagen

MATERIALS OR SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED: Managed detection and response for devices

RECOMMENDED VENDOR/CONTRACTOR:

COST OF REQUEST:
$50,645

BID WAIVER REQUEST RATIONALE:

LEARN evaluated multiple MDR solutions, including Sophos, CrowdStrike, and Cybereason. Sophos Complete MDR was selected because it provides the best combination of managed threat detection and response, endpoint protection, and Zero Trust security capabilities within a unified platform. The solution enhances LEARN's cybersecurity posture through continuous monitoring, advanced ransomware protection, identity and device verification, and centralized management while reducing administrative complexity and the need for additional security staffing. Sophos was determined to provide the best overall value, security coverage, and alignment with LEARN's long-term cybersecurity strategy.

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