

NEW MILFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
50 East Street  
New Milford, Connecticut 06776

**SCHOOL FACILITY AND UTILIZATION STUDY COMMITTEE**  
**SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE**

<b>DATE:</b>	April 24, 2013
<b>TIME:</b>	6:30 P.M.
<b>PLACE:</b>	Sarah Noble Intermediate School—Library Media Center

**AGENDA**

**New Milford Public Schools Mission Statement**

The mission of the New Milford Public Schools, a collaborative partnership of students, educators, family, and community, is to prepare each and every student to compete and excel in an ever-changing world, embrace challenges with vigor, respect and appreciate the worth of every human being, and contribute to society by providing effective instruction and dynamic curriculum, offering a wide range of valuable experiences, and inspiring students to pursue their dreams and aspirations.

1. Brief Review of Previous Alternatives
2. Two New Scenarios: PreK-2, 3-5 and 6-8
3. Status Quo Scenario
4. Guided Group Discussion
5. Adjourn


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**New Milford Public Schools**  
**School Facility & Utilization Study Committee**  
**April 24, 2013**  
**Sarah Noble Intermediate School Library Media Center**

Present:	<p>Mike Zuba, Senior Planner and Associate, Milone &amp; MacBroom Rebecca Augur, Senior Planner, Milone &amp; MacBroom Thomas Jokubaitis, Educational Consultant Paul Moore, Architect, Drumney Rosane Anderson</p> <p>Ellamae Baldelli, Director of Human Resources, Resident Walter Bayer, Retired Educator, Resident John Calhoun, Facilities Manager Michael Crespan, Director of Public Health Terri Ellis, Parent Thomas Esposito, Parent, Member of the Town Council Wendy Faulenbach, Board of Education Chair, Parent Paula Kelleher, Principal of John Pettibone School, Parent Virginia Langrebe, NMHS Teacher, Resident Justin Mack, SNIS Teacher, Resident Thomas McSherry, Board of Education Member Gregg Miller, Director of Fiscal Services, Resident Donna Molinaro, H &amp; P Teacher, Resident Laura Olson, Director of Pupil Personnel &amp; Special Services, Resident JeanAnn Paddyfote, Superintendent of Schools Thomas Pilla, Builder, Member of the Pension Committee, Grandparent Olga Rella, Parent Lynette Celli Rigdon, Board of Education Member Michele Romaniello, Parent, District-wide President of the NMPTO Gretchen Rondini, JPS Teacher, Parent David Shaffer, Board of Education Member Julia Taborsak, Parent Len Tomasello, SNIS Interim Principal, Resident Frank Wargo, Member, Town Council</p>
Absent:	<p>Beth Falder, Parent, Member of the Board of Finance Theresa McGuinness, SMS Teacher, Parent Josh Smith, Assistant Superintendent of Schools Patricia Thalassinis, NES Teacher, Parent</p>

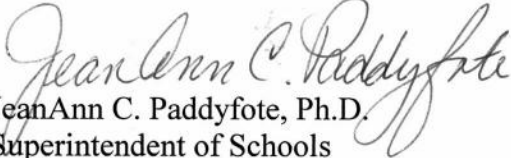
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<b>1.</b>	<b>Facilities Utilization &amp; Study Committee Meeting Summary</b>  The consultants reviewed the potential scenarios discussed at the March meeting (locating 6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> grades at Schaghticoke, and various ways of locating PreK/K - 5 <sup>th</sup> grades in 3 elementary schools, possibly including Sarah Noble, or an Early Learning Center (PreK/K) at Pettibone with additional space available for other District uses). They then reviewed two new scenarios moving 6 <sup>th</sup> grade up to Schaghticoke, and 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade up to Sarah Noble, with either three or two PreK-2 elementary schools. Only two schools PreK-2 schools are needed, given projected enrollments. With three PreK-2 schools, less than half of the classrooms in each school would be needed for instructional rooms, resulting in inefficient district operations.  The consultants also reviewed the impacts of maintaining the status quo. In this scenario, Schaghticoke is increasing in inefficiency with less than half its classrooms needed for instructional space due to declining enrollments. In addition, excess capacity in the elementary schools becomes unevenly distributed amongst the schools, with Hill and Plain having less excess capacity than either Northville or Pettibone.  The Committee discussed issues involved in school consolidation, including potential savings, and potential other uses.  Committee members completed an exercise to rank their preferences for the five alternative scenarios. The consensus of the group was to look more closely at the PreK-2, 3-5, 6-8 models, and the potential for redistricting, but maintaining the current grade structure.  The next meeting is May 23 <sup>rd</sup> , and the group agreed on June 12 <sup>th</sup> for a final meeting date.
<b>2.</b>	<b>Adjourn</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.</li></ul>

Respectfully submitted,

  
JeanAnn C. Paddyfote, Ph.D.  
Superintendent of Schools