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Dear Families,

On behalf of the Colchester School Board and our staff, it is with great excitement that I welcome you to the 2016-2017 school year! Please be aware that CSD Bus Schedules are now located on the CSD Website: [www.csdt.org/Bus](http://www.csdt.org/Bus).

As the new Superintendent of Schools, I have spent the summer meeting with school employees, local business owners, community members, Colchester Police, Colchester's Town Manager and others as a way to more deeply understand the strengths, needs and challenges of the district. During the school year, I believe the most important component of my position will be to be in the schools on a regular basis connecting with teachers and students. It is important to me to have first hand understanding of the learning environments in our schools. I will also continue to engage with parents and the community throughout the upcoming year.

Colchester is a great place to learn and grow. We have wonderful opportunities for our students and they will be challenged to grow in the supportive environment of our schools. I strongly believe that every teacher should be committed to teaching each and every individual student and to push them to grow as much as they can each school year.

Our faculty and staff have participated in many summer trainings and courses. New teachers and administrators have joined a strong school system, and they will be challenged and supported by our existing staff.

Our maintenance and custodial crews have been working diligently to ensure our facilities are ready for students. I am deeply thankful to this community for supporting the theater renovation. This fall we will be hosting an open house once the work is complete and I think you will be very impressed. The technology department has been supporting our middle and high schools as we move to 1:1 devices for students. Very soon, I will be unveiling a new district website as we strengthen our communication with families and the Colchester community.

I would like to thank you for your continued support and I hope that you will enjoy the last days of summer. I am looking forward to working together in partnership with you to provide your student with an excellent education. I wish each and every student in the Colchester School District a year filled with excitement, engagement and growth. I am confident that this year will be filled with tremendous success and achievements.

Please follow me on  at [@CSD\\_AmyMinor](https://twitter.com/CSD_AmyMinor) for important announcements during the school year.

Sincerely,

*Amy Minor*

Superintendent of Schools