

# Superintendent Newsletter

Colchester School District: March 2019

## Help Us Define WHO WE ARE

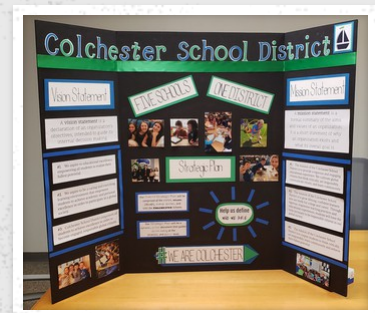


### Thank You!

First and foremost, the school budget for next year passed on Town Meeting Day. Thank you to everyone who came out in support of our schools. All of us here at CSD are so grateful to work in a community that values and appreciates the education, services, and opportunities we offer to our students.

### Creating a new vision and mission statement for CSD

You may have seen some of our staff at the polls if you came to vote at the high school last week. We have started surveying the community for a new vision and mission statement connected to our Strategic Plan. As parents, family members, and residents of Colchester, you have a unique stake in our school district. You have chosen to live in this town and call it home. For that reason, we would like your feedback as we update the district's vision and mission statements. These declarations tell the story of Colchester students in short and concise statements. We have created a survey which will provide you with three examples for both categories and we'd like you to tell us which ones fit our district best. Thank you in advance for your consideration, time and effort. [Please click HERE to complete the survey.](#)



# Outright Vermont Coming to Colchester

## Two free family presentations



The Colchester School District and Outright Vermont are excited to host two free informational sessions regarding youth, gender, and LGBTQ+ inclusivity, facilitated by Mara Iverson.

The first session will take place on **Wednesday, March 27th at 6:30 p.m. in the Malletts Bay School Library**. This presentation will be focused on gender and is geared towards families and caregivers of children in preschool through grade 5. Find out how gender shows up in our lives and the lives of our children and youth. Discover how we learn gender and teach it to others and the ways we can interact with gender to make life easier or more difficult. Learn what we can do to make life better for folks of all kinds of genders (transgender, nonbinary, girls, boys, and much more). And importantly, find out how to talk about all of this complex stuff with your kids. **There will be FREE childcare at this session**, provided by the Colchester Parks and Recreation Department.

The second session will take place on **Tuesday, April 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the Colchester High School Library**. This interactive workshop is geared towards grades 6-12 and will help families and community members to increase fluency with LGBTQ+ inclusive concepts, terminology, and practices. Participants will learn and practice approaches for making home and community environments LGBTQ+ affirming. Participants will identify specific opportunities for and challenges to inclusivity. They will leave with a broader knowledge of LGBTQ+ youth topics, methods for recognizing gaps in inclusivity, and ideas for how to apply affirming practices to fill those gaps.

Both sessions are free and open to the public. As noted, the session on March 27th will have free childcare. For more than 25 years, [Outright Vermont](#) has worked to make it better for youth in schools. They advocate, educate, and consult with students, staff, and administrators statewide to ensure Vermont schools are doing their work to be safe, supportive and affirming to all students regardless of their perceived or actual gender and sexual identity.

## Job Openings

### Come work in our Technology Department

Do you know someone in the technology industry who would like to work for Colchester School District? We have 3 rare job openings in our IT Department and we are seeking skilled and motivated individuals with excellent problem-solving skills to





join our team! All openings are full-time, 12-month positions that include a generous benefits package.

### **Data Manager**

This position is responsible for the administration and management of PowerSchool data and functions. The Data Manager provides information for school registrars, school census, SECT data, attendance and other data information as needed for both local and state requirements. All applicants must apply on-line at [www.schoolspring.com](http://www.schoolspring.com) Job #3055817.

### **Technology Specialist III**

This position is responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of system solutions. They provide data management support for applications and perform preventative software/hardware maintenance and upgrades. They are responsible for the operation of all computer-related systems and equipment throughout the district. All applicants must apply on-line at [www.schoolspring.com](http://www.schoolspring.com) Job #3064262.

### **Technology Specialist II**

This position provides on-site, remote, and phone support to multiple schools and users to ensure the smooth operation of all technology-related systems and equipment. They manage network accounts as well as the setup, configuration, and deployment of district own devices. They provide various trainings for staff and students on software and hardware. All applicants must apply on-line at [www.schoolspring.com](http://www.schoolspring.com) Job #3064265.

For a list of all our open positions visit: [www.csdvt.org/jobs](http://www.csdvt.org/jobs)

## **Preschool Enrollment is Now Open**

### **Colchester School District offers FREE preschool!**

Colchester School District runs a free half-day preschool program out of Malletts Bay School and enrollment is now open for next school year. Classes run Tuesday - Friday and follow the holidays and vacations on the school calendar. Children practice language, social communication, and play skills. They develop friendships while gaining confidence and school-readiness skills in a literacy-rich environment with experienced educators and support personnel. Colchester children get placement priority. All children must be 3 or 4 years old before September 1, 2019. Daily transportation is not provided.



Come to our Informational Session on April 10th at 10:00 a.m.  
Call Nancy at 264-5894 to sign up!

# Last But Not Least...



## And the Last Day of School Is....

As of right now, if we don't have any more snow days, the last day of school will be **Monday, June 17th**. If we have any more closures, you can always check the [school calendar on our website](#) for the most up to day information.



## Congratulations, Students!

Our students involved in co-curriculars have had incredible success recently! Many were state or regional finalists and competed very honorably. There are too many clubs, sports, and teams to list here, but we are SO proud of you!



## Variety Night is Here!

Join us for a night of SPOOKTACULAR FUN! This year's Variety Night theme is Haunted, Spooky, Thrills & Chills. But don't worry, it's still kid-friendly with more laughs than screams. Shows are TONIGHT (Friday, March 15th) and tomorrow (Saturday, March 16th) at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door.



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