

Ad Hoc Enrichment Committee

June 18, 2018

Charge: The committee will make a recommendation to the WBOE on the ways the Board can support the initiatives of the School Wide Enrichment Model (endorsed by the Board in their Strategic Development Plan) including the needs of high achieving/high ability students.

Time Frame: Recommendation to the WBOE at the October 2018 Regular Meeting.

Members: 4 parents (2 from parent group and 2 from open lottery), 2 BOE members, 2 administrators, 3 teachers, and 1 non-certified staff member.

Background:

- **The District's** Strategic Plan includes new programs that promote enrichment for all students (excerpt below from WBOE Presentation on School Wide Enrichment)
 - Grade 2: Community helpers/PBL/clusters (2017-18 and continuing)
 - Grade 3: Enrichment cluster model (2017-18 and continuing)
 - Grade 4: Enrichment cluster model (2018-19 and continuing)
 - Grade 5: Genius hour/Project based learning (2017-18 and continuing)
 - Grade 6: CAPSTONE project (2017-18 and continuing)
 - Curriculum compacting protocols (2017-18 and continuing)
 - TAG identification – Use of universal screening in Grade 3 (beginning fall 2018)
 - New STEAM position (2018-19 and continuing)
- A group of BRS parents (representing a number of parents who signed an on-line petition) who are looking for additional opportunities for their high-achieving children came to speak at the May regular WBOE meeting. Almost all speakers discussed Math specifically, rather than other curricular areas. The parent group requested a discussion on the issue of how the District challenges high-achieving students.
- Based on the School Wide Enrichment Model (as part of the Strategic Plan) and in response to a need for discussion between multiple constituents, the WBOE created an Ad Hoc Committee of the WBOE on Enrichment. Committee members for this Ad Hoc Committee are listed above. Dr. Steve Fleischman asked to Chair this committee. Resources to this Ad Hoc committee may include: Research, input from organizations such as CT Association for the Gifted and guidance from the State of CT Department of Education Talented & Gifted