



# Colchester Public Schools

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Dear Colchester Students and Families,

I want to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Colchester Board of Education, the administration, and faculty and staff to welcome you back to school for the 2022 – 2023 School Year!

We have been extremely busy over the summer cleaning and preparing our school buildings for your return. We have hired several new staff members as well. Schools are very busy places over the summer!

I have always found schools to be very empty spaces without students! I can't wait to see all of our kids in classrooms, interacting with their teachers and staff. The beginning of a new school year is a very exciting time. I've been doing this for a very long time and I still get excited and anxious. Yes, superintendents get goose bumps too! Enthusiasm is infectious!

I hope all of you have a great and rewarding school year. We stand ready to assist students and parents in your journey. Educating children is an awesome responsibility and none of us take that responsibility lightly. We also greatly appreciate your willingness to entrust us with your children's education and future. We're partners in this endeavor.

Our building administrators, teachers and staff are excited and ready to welcome you back. If there is anything we can do to further assist you in this endeavor, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Dr. Thomas Y. McDowell,  
Interim Superintendent of Schools