## Press Release For Immediate Release

## Colchester Public Schools Welcomes K9 Skipper!

K9 Skipper, an ADA Certified Service Dog, has been placed with Corporal Scheel, the School Resource Officer for Colchester Public Schools. Skipper has been trained by Puppies Behind Bars (PBB), a program which works with incarcerated individuals to train service dogs. Skipper will be providing wellness support to local first responders as needed. In addition, Skipper will also accompany Corporal Scheel to the Colchester Schools on a daily basis to provide support to students and staff. K9 Skipper was officially sworn in at the Colchester Town Hall on January 27, 2022. Superintendent Jeffrey E. Burt presented Skipper with some treats and a card that were sent as a welcome to Skipper by students at CTAC, the Community Transition Academy of Colchester.



Photo 1: Pictured: K9 Skipper, Corporal Scheel, Superintendent Jeffrey E. Burt

Photo 2: Pictured: Corporal Scheel, K9 Skipper, First Selectman, Andreas Bisbikos