



"Setting the Standard for Excellence in Public Education"
JULIAN CURTISS MAGNET SCHOOL OF WORLD LANGUAGES

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Dear Parents:

Greenwich Public Schools and Julian Curtiss are reimagining time and space within the school day to ensure all learners engage in experiences that provide deeper learning, choice and a voice in how they interact with a high level standards based curriculum.

All JC learners will participate in a five day rotation of core classes and specials for the 2018-19 school year. Days will be identified as Days A-E rather than Monday- Friday. This will help avoid having students miss specific classes throughout the year. For example, students who have a certain class such as Art, Music or Physical Education on Mondays always miss that class for Monday holidays, this can also occur with Wednesday early releases. The only teachers who will NOT rotate are our instrumental music teachers, so orchestra and band will take place on a day of the week rather than an A or E day. These flexible instructional blocks will provide teachers with opportunities to develop partnerships in learning, empower students to take ownership for their learning, while making all experiences personal.

The goals of the innovative schedules to be implemented in the fall of 2018 are to:

- Increase instructional time within flexible blocks for Humanities and STEM
- Increase common, collaborative time for teacher teams
- Explore the desire to schedule consistent time blocks for enrichment and targeted intervention that focuses on the learner profile/pathway.

We believe, if we reimagine time and space within the school day we increase our potential to achieve the academic, personal and interpersonal goals within the district Strategic Plan. Innovative school schedules meet the diverse needs of learners and ensure that all teachers are positioned to create unique learning experiences that engage, empower and challenge learners.

This change in our daily operations may bring about questions and challenges. It is my hope that we can embrace the "new way of doing things", and achieve the goals stated above, while taking the bumps that may accompany the change in stride and a desire to work through them. As always, we are here to work with you and support you in whatever way we can.

Thank you,
Trish McGuire, Principal