

# TPS SUPERINTENDENT BULLETIN

Here for you 860-335-2455



## UPDATE FOR 10/10/2017

### JUMP TO SCHOOL UPDATES:

Please **CLICK BELOW** to get the **DIGITAL BACKPACK** information for the listed school:

[BG](#)  
[TIS](#)  
[TMS](#)  
[THS](#)

October 23, 2017  
- The Movie  
Screenagers -  
[Click Here](#) (HS  
Auditorium)  
7:30 PM



<https://vimeo.com/215750447>



**CAPSS SUPERINTENDENT AWARD**

The CAPSS Award goes to students who exemplify community service & service to others, academic prowess and leadership.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS**

**THS**

Sarah Gorman  
Lucas Knight-Vezina

**TMS**

Sarah Clokey  
Cullen Rublewski

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For parents and community members interested in the Tolland Public School K-5 assessment standards, please see the: [Standards-Based Assessment Information Guide](#)

## **BUDGET INFO ON THE WEB:**



[http://www.tolland.k12.ct.us/board\\_of\\_education/budget](http://www.tolland.k12.ct.us/board_of_education/budget)



### **Upcoming Budget/Town Council and BOE Meetings**

- October 30<sup>th</sup> – Tolland Library – (Possible) Annual Budget Referendum
- BOE – 2nd and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month – 7:30 PM (Typically in Council Chambers\*)
- October 25
- Town Council- 2nd and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month – 7:30 PM (Typically in Council Chambers\*)
- October 24

\*The “Council Chamber” is on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor (top) of the Hicks Building.

2017 – 2018 SUPERINTENDENT Budget Meetings and Community Workshops

*Please note October 18<sup>th</sup> budget workshop for the next year's budget is postponed until November 15<sup>th</sup>.*

Superintendent/Board of Education <b>Budget Workshops</b> – 7:30 pm THS
November 15, 2017
December 20, 2017
January 17, 2018
January 31, 2018

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## 6-12 DISTRICT SCHEDULING COMMITTEE



Tolland Public School Schedule Project in partnership with CREC



In the next few months we are working in partnership with a CREC (a regional educational agency that helps school districts) committee **to review our High School and Middle School schedules**. The main objectives of the partnership are to maximize student opportunity, maintain beneficial educational programs, leverage new state credit and course requirements, and prepare for new fiscal realities. In the coming weeks we will be looking for people to serve on various committees. **If you would like to be a parent/guardian representative on this committee, please [CLICK HERE](#).** Thank you!

Please return to your Advisory/Homeroom on the first day of school.

**Tolland Public Schools  
Language Assessment, Immigrant Student and Military Family  
Survey Form**

Welcome to Our School!

We have a few questions about languages spoken at home and by your Student, your Student's School History in the US and your Military Family Status. We are required by the US Department of Education to ask for this information because it will help us know how we can best support your Student. The language information also helps us know how we can best communicate with you and your Student.

**Federal Language Assessment and Federal Immigrant Student Information**

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Full Legal First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Full Legal Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Full Legal Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Country of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ City of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Province of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Date First Enrolled in any US School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade First Enrolled in any US School: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade now Enrolling in a Tolland Public School: \_\_\_\_\_ Please Circle: **New Student** - **Returning**

1. What is the primary language used in the home, regardless of the language spoken by the student?  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What is the language most often spoken by the student?  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What language did your student learn to speak first?  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What is your preferred method of communicating with you? Please Circle: **Email** - **Phone**  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print Name)  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print your Name): \_\_\_\_\_  
(Over Please)

Please return to your Advisory/Homeroom on the first day of school.

**Military Family Status**

As the Parent or Guardian of your Student, does your Family fit the definition of a Military Family as defined below?

Please Circle: **Yes** - **No**

**Military Family** - This field is mandatory for all collections. Identifying if the child's parent or guardian is a member of the Armed Forces on active duty or serves on full-time National Guard duty.

"Armed Forces," "active duty," and "full-time National Guard duty" have the same meanings given them in 10 U.S.C. 101(a)(4), 101(d)(1), and 101(d)(5).

"Armed Forces" means the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard.

"Active duty" means full-time duty in the active military service of the United States, including full-time training duty, annual training duty, and attendance, while in the active military service, at a school designated as a service school by law or by the Secretary of the military department concerned.

**Other Definitions:**

**Immigrant Status** - This field is mandatory for all collections. Section 3201(5) of Title III of the ESEA defines immigrant children and youths as individuals who:  
a) are ages 3 through 21  
b) were not born in any state (defined as each of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico); and  
c) have not been attending one or more schools in any one or more States for more than 3 full academic years.

**Native Language Code (Formerly Dominant Language)** - This field is mandatory for all collections. In accordance with Section 10-17e, inclusive, of the Connecticut General Statutes (C.G.S.), a native language code must be assigned to all kindergarten through grade 12 students (including exchange students).

The student's native language is determined by responses on the home language survey. When at least one of the questions indicate a language other than English.

Please note: we have received calls about the “survey” form distributed to families. In an effort at increasing efficiency and reducing paper, school staff had combined three forms into one to create this “Tolland Public Schools Language Assessment, Immigrant Student, and Military Family Survey Form.” The form has raised concerns, especially in light of some school practices that impose punitive measures on students for not completing necessary paperwork and forms. We regret any confusion over our lack of clarity in presenting these forms, please note: **Students will NOT receive any office detentions or discipline for failing to complete this form.** We respectfully request that if families do not wish to put the information in, that they simply put their name on the form and sign it so we know it has been reviewed/seen. We will be redesigning this form and process for next year, as it is understood the form reasonably raised concerns.

Please note:

The Language Assessment is used to identify students who may need English Language Learner support and is information schools are compelled to request (Section 10-17e-j of the CT General Statutes).

The Immigrant Status form field(s) are utilized for statistical purposes (Section 3201(5) of Title III ESEA) and to identify students who may need services.

The Military Family Status is also collected for statistical purposes with meanings derived from 10 U.S.C. 101(a)(4), 101(d)(5).

Again, please note: **Students will NOT receive any office detentions or discipline for failing to complete this form.** We respectfully request that if families do not wish to put the information in, that they simply put their name on the form and sign it so we know it has been reviewed/seen.



**2017- 2018 SCHOOL YEAR ATHLETIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING DATES**

**4:00 pm at Tolland High School**

- November 7, 2017
- January 9, 2018
- March 6, 2018
- June 5, 2018

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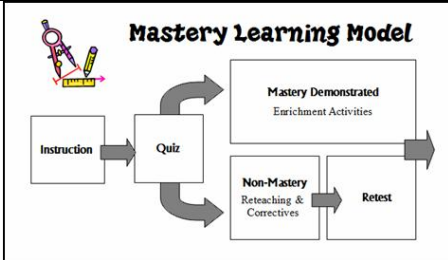
**HOW TO CONTACT THE SUPERINTENDENT:**



Please take a look at the link below for some of the best ways to get an answer, meeting, or something else:

[http://www.tolland.k12.ct.us/DistrictOffices/superintendent\\_s\\_corner/superintendent\\_wille\\_tt\\_s\\_page/c\\_o\\_n\\_t\\_a\\_c\\_t\\_m\\_e/](http://www.tolland.k12.ct.us/DistrictOffices/superintendent_s_corner/superintendent_wille_tt_s_page/c_o_n_t_a_c_t_m_e/)

**COMMUNITY LEARNING WORKSHOPS**

Community Workshops	Information
<p><b>October 23, 2017</b>                      - The Movie Screenagers - <b><u>Click Here</u></b> (HS Auditorium)                      7:30 PM</p>	 <p><a href="https://vimeo.com/215750447">https://vimeo.com/215750447</a></p>
<p>December 6, 2017                      7:30 PM                      THS Library</p>	 <p>Childhood Anxiety Workshop                      Speaker: Dr. Elizabeth Davis</p>
<p>February 6, 2018                      6:00 PM – 9:00 PM                      THS Auditorium</p>	 <p>University of Connecticut Professor Panel @                      Viewing of the movie <a href="#">13<sup>TH</sup></a></p>
<p>May 2, 2018                      7:30 PM                      THS Library</p>	 <p>Mastery Learning Workshop                      Come find out what it is about, and how ML is being planned for Tolland.</p>

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**BREAKFAST WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT**

**10:00 AM AT THE TOLLAND BOARD OF  
EDUCATION**

**51 Tolland Green, Tolland, CT**



November 6, 2017

December 4, 2017

February 5, 2018

March 5, 2018

April 2, 2018

May 7, 2018

June 4, 2018



**VOLUNTEERING**



We would love to have you come and volunteer at the Tolland Public Schools!

Thank you for all you do for the Tolland Public Schools. Please contact the Central Office with any questions. For those already volunteering, and those new to the game, the BOE will now do background checks every three school years. If you will be volunteering for the first time in the upcoming school year, please complete the [online form under Quick Links](#). After you have submitted your application, please call 860-870-6850 extension 1 to provide your social security number. You can check with the school secretaries to verify your status.

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**CURRICULUM NIGHT/OPEN HOUSE**



<b>Tolland High School – Open House – 6:30 pm</b>
February 8, 2018 (Snow Date – February 15, 2018)

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**YOUR TOLLAND SCHOOL SOCIAL MEDIA CONNECTION:**

**CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK:**



[www.facebook.com/tollandpublicschools](http://www.facebook.com/tollandpublicschools)

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**FOLLOW SUPERINTENDENT WILLETT ON TWITTER:**



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**LINKS AND OTHER ARTICLES OF INTEREST**

**Tolland Education Foundation** *Presents*

An evening with Medium & Psychic Gary McKinstry – [Click Here](#)

[TIS Staff Appreciation – Help Needed](#)

[Friends of Tolland Music Booster Club- SWEATSHIRT ORDER FORM](#)