

Strategies to move education forward

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engaging with community organizations, reaching out to the parents who aren't very involved, and finding a superintendent who is open and approachable.

One parent proposed finding a way to break down assumptions about Norwalk, such as that everyone has access to e-mail, to enhance communication.

Another mother said she sends her students to Columbus Magnet School instead of her neighborhood school, who's name she did not give, and she suggested there

be a way of finding out why certain parents choose one school over another to get to the heart of the problems that schools face.

Moderators kept parents on topic thinking about ways to practically apply their ideas to Norwalk, and organizers said it was a great beginning to a conversation that needs to continue.

"We definitely have some themes that have come through, (hopefully) we can take some action items and make steps to start implementing them," said Lauren Rosato, director of the

Norwalk Education Foundation, which co-hosted the forum. Rosato noted she was especially pleased with the number of Spanish speakers who attended, approximately 20 to 25 percent of the total participants.

Interim Superintendent Bill Papallo, who also attended the session, said the community conversations will continue in the upcoming weeks in the form of focus groups where the public can share their opinions on what they'd like to see in Norwalk's new superintendent.



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Councilman Fred Wilms speaks to a group during a breakout session while Betsy Bain looks on at Norwalk Community College where community leaders discussed ways to improve the educational system Saturday as part of the Community Conversation event.

Capital case delayed

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Christopher DiMeo's trial would not start before January 2011. Devlin's decision came after DiMeo's lead counsel, Ronald Gold, asked to be excused from the case for health reasons. Senior Assistant State's Attorney Joseph Corradino said the

defense was trying to "stonewall" the case. He said during the case's already lengthy delays, one witness had died. The 27-year-old DiMeo is charged with capital felony and two counts of murder after allegedly killing jewelers Tim and Kim Donnelly while robbing their store in February 2005.

Yale victim was worried

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The documents indicate a friend told police that Justin-Jinich said someone she knew from New York University was contacting her by e-mail, and she wanted nothing to do with him.

The documents say she changed her e-mail address, but the man

found it.

Justin-Jinich filed a harassment complaint against Morgan when both attended a class at NYU.

The affidavits indicate one e-mail address police were investigating was stevo-mor(at)gmail.com.

Morgan has denied killing Justin-Jinich.

NORWALK, WILTON POLICE BLOTTER

NORWALK Oct. 15

Celin Suarez, 46, of Stamford, was charged with assault and breach of peace. He was held on \$2,500 bond and given a court date of Oct. 22.

Linda Coughlin, 52, of Mystic, was charged with

issuing a bad check. She was held on \$300 bond and given a court date of Oct. 23.

Cesar Deflorio, 33, of 43 Lexington Ave., was charged with failure to appear in court and failure to respond to an infraction. He was held on \$70,500 bond and given a court date of Oct. 23.

Spero Moschos, 28, of Stamford, was charged with larceny, conspiracy and robbery. He was held on \$150,000 bond and given a court date of Oct. 15.

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