

Superintendent's Update - July 10, 2020

This notification is being sent to inform parents and guardians of the progress the district has made in the development of our Strategic Reopening and Sustainment Plan for the 2020-2021 school year. As you are aware, the Connecticut State Department Education has released their guidance document, *Adapt, Advance, Achieve: Connecticut's Plan to Learn and Grow Together*, regarding the reopening of Connecticut's schools. While it has always been my intent to provide our families a much-deserved break from school-related communication during the month of July, this summer is unlike any other and communication is necessary for a successful re-entry to our school year.

As much as I regret to request your participation in several district-wide summer presentations, I am hopeful you will consider attending (albeit remotely) one of three presentations that will be happening the week of July 20 – July 24, 2020. These presentations will provide our families a clearer perspective on our district's reopening plans, and the efforts underway to prepare our schools for welcoming students and families to the 2020-2021 school year. The presentations on the Suffield Public Schools' reopening plans will take place on the following evenings:

Suffield Board of Education Meeting

Monday, July 20, 2020
6:30 pm

* Zoom login information can be found on the BOE Agenda posted on the district website

Suffield Middle School and Suffield High School

Strategic Reopening and Sustainment Plan Initiatives Presentation

Wednesday, July 22, 2020
6:30 pm

* Zoom invitation will be sent on SchoolMessenger the week of July 13th

A. Ward Spaulding School and McAlister Intermediate School

Strategic Reopening and Sustainment Plan Initiatives Presentation

Thursday, July 23, 2020
6:30 pm

* Zoom invitation will be sent on SchoolMessenger the week of July 13th

Following these presentations, the district will be sending a brief Parent and Guardian Survey on Friday, July 24, 2020 regarding the reopening of the Suffield Public Schools. Your feedback on this survey is important to us, as it will help to inform our planning in the following weeks. The survey will cover topics such as in-person vs. remote learning options, transportation, and other

considerations for the reopening of our schools. Although your responses to this survey will be non-binding, it is important that the district knows your initial intent as we prepare for a full reopening to the 2020-2021 school year.

Once again, I apologize for needing to send this July communication, and I wish you a healthy and enjoyable summer vacation.

Sincerely,
Timothy M. Van Tassel, Superintendent
Suffield Public Schools