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Good Afternoon Parents and Caregivers,

This week, a top District priority was to address your questions and concerns surrounding school reopening. This message contains many links to these discussions, and we will continue to communicate more elaborate details of our Hybrid Model plan as they are developed by key Reopening Task Force Committees. These Committees are crafting plans that are not only in the best interest of our entire educational community, but are also in alignment with State mandates and public health officials' recommendations.

Parent Survey Due Monday, August 17th

If you have not yet completed the parent survey, we must receive your response by the end of day on August 17th for planning purposes: [2020 Reopening Parent Survey](#).

Questions & Answers

Here is a link to a recorded webinar that the CPS Reopening Task Force made to address many of the questions that you have submitted for review: [Task Force Q&A webinar recording](#).

This Q&A session addresses the following questions/areas:

- Cohorting
- Support on days off (M/T & Th/F)
- Masks and breaks
- IEPs for students in the Hybrid Model
- Safety protocols if a case is identified in the school or on a bus
- Cleaning protocols
- Devices and connectivity

We will continue to produce these videos to address the larger concerns and questions on our reopening plan. Topics will include: Instruction on Wednesdays; meals; meal distribution; drop off/pick up protocols; bathroom procedures; and "At-Home" Learning.

Hybrid Model Information

In addition to the video linked above, many of your questions related to the details of the adopted Hybrid Model (50% of students in-person learning on any day) this coming

school year are addressed in additional videos, including brief ones from each building. I have linked the summary videos below. Each school is preparing to release a much more detailed video to address your questions.

Videos Explaining the Hybrid Model

[Superintendent Burt's Hybrid Model Update](#)

What does the Hybrid Model look like at each school?

- [Colchester Elementary School Hybrid Model](#)
- [Jack Jackter Intermediate School Hybrid Model](#)
- [William J. Johnston Middle School Hybrid Model](#)
- [Bacon Academy Hybrid Model](#)

Pupil Services and Special Education

Please visit here for an update: [Pupil Services and Special Education Department](#)

Have a question or concern?

EMAILS

Reopening Plan questions: planquestions@colchesterct.org
General questions: covid19@colchesterct.org
Tech questions: techhelp@colchesterct.org
BOE questions: boardquestions@colchesterct.org

At-Home or Homeschooling Options

Finally, many of you have asked about supports for the “At Home” option. At this time, we are not providing extensive support and are asking families to review the Connecticut Learning Hub. However, we realize that additional supports will be needed and we are continuing to develop those supports for students and families. More information will be coming out in the next week. As a reminder, if you choose to un-enroll your child from the District we ask that you notify the District of your intent to homeschool. The Notice of Intent to Homeschool can be found in the PowerSchool portal for your student(s).

Thank you, and please stay safe and healthy.

Best Regards,



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