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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Based on the Connecticut Department of Education's **ADAPT, ADVANCE, ACHIEVE: Connecticut's Plan to Learn and Grow Together** ([Executive Summary](#)), we are actively planning for return to school with the top priorities of health, safety, and academic excellence. The District's reopening plan will be submitted to the State on July 24th and will be available on our website shortly thereafter.

Survey on Return to School in the Fall

If you have not yet done so, please complete this brief survey so we may include your valued perspectives in our planning: [Return to School Survey](#). The survey closes on July 11th.

Colchester Long-Term Recovery Committee Survey

The Colchester Long-Term Recovery Committee, which has been established to help our community recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, is asking residents to complete this anonymous survey: [Colchester Long-Term Recovery Committee Survey](#). Deadline is Monday, July 20. To share thoughts or concerns, reach out to the Chair, Town Planner Matt Bordeaux, at planner@colchesterct.gov.

Meals Program

Meals for anyone 18 or younger are available for pick-up at Bacon Academy on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30AM to 10:30AM.

National Invention Convention 3rd Place Winner: 8th Grade Student Abigail Belding

Abigail Belding, 8th grade from Colchester, took 3rd in her grade category for *The Easy Exit 3.0: The Descent*, a device that opens up the window when a fire alarm activated switch is pressed. "*The Descent* extends down with a harness that the person then places around their arms chest," she says. "The device then pulls the person out the window and lowers them to the ground. It then resets to bring out other people if needed." See her incredible invention here: [The Descent](#).

Congratulations!

Have a question or concern?

- Visit our Frequently Asked Questions and Answers: [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

- **EMAILS**

General questions: covid19@colchesterct.org

Tech questions: techhelp@colchesterct.org

BOE questions: boardquestions@colchesterct.org

Lastly, here is something fun for families: UCONN's [Bug Week Photo Contest](#). Take your camera and find that special bug shot. All entries must be a photograph of a bug or insect in their natural habitat. Submission deadline is August 7, 2020.

We will continue to send email updates to keep you informed of District decisions regarding school opening in the Fall. I hope you are enjoying your summer.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey Burt
Superintendent