



# Colchester Public Schools

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

On July 21st, CT Commissioner of Education Miguel Cardona shared that the State expects to issue further guidance on school reopening, as the careful analysis of emerging public health data is an ongoing process. This public health data will drive the final determination regarding which model (in-person, hybrid, distance learning) schools will implement when reopening for the 2020-2021 school year.

## **District Reopening Plan 2020-2021**

Here is a link to the District's 2020-2021 School Year Reopening Plan that was approved by the Board of Education on July 23rd and submitted to the State for approval today: [Colchester Public School Access Plan DRAFT v1 \(Submit\).pdf](#).

**Helpful link:** [Glossary of Terms for COVID-19](#)

## **Communicating Your Questions**

Even with every directive and mandate for safety and health securely in place, I know we cannot possibly eliminate your concerns as COVID-19 continues to impact the world and our community. I anticipate that you will have questions about the three approaches that Colchester Public Schools has presented to the State. Please email any questions or concerns you may have to: [planquestions@colchesterct.org](mailto:planquestions@colchesterct.org). In the month of August, the Reopening Task Force will review and respond to any questions received in two recorded webinars. These webinars will be shared with all families in the District.

## **First Day of School: Monday, August 31st**

**PLEASE NOTE:** The first day for students is now **Monday, August 31st**. Staff will return on August 24th to spend those three additional days preparing for students. A revised 2020-21 School Year Calendar is here: [2020-21 SY Calendar REVISED 07232020.pdf](#)

## **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.

Next week, a new parent survey will be sent to aid us in our planning. I will keep you informed of any COVID-19 updates as they may impact our plans for returning to school in the Fall. Please take care and stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey Burt", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jeffrey Burt  
Superintendent