



EAST LYME PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I would like to share two important updates with our East Lyme Schools Community:

- The CSDE (Connecticut State Department of Education) recently released a requirement for each Connecticut school district to submit a [‘Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan’](#) for 2021-2022. This plan is a requirement for a Connecticut district to receive funds through the American Recovery Plan (ARP) grant program. We would like to gather input via a [feedback form](#) regarding the safe return to in-person instruction for our students. This feedback will be reviewed by the district administration, shared with our Board of Education, and considered when finalizing our plans for the 2021-2022 school year. All stakeholder feedback must be received by noon on Friday, June 18, 2021. Information collected will be posted on our website anonymously. We must submit our plan to the Connecticut State Department of Education by Wednesday, June 23, 2021. Thank you for your support and involvement in this process. We will continue to keep everyone apprised regarding requirements and plans for the 2021-2022 school year.
- At this past Monday evening’s Board of Education meeting, we appointed a new Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment. Through a unanimous vote, our board, administration, and staff welcome Annaliese Spaziano to the East Lyme Public Schools. Ms. Spaziano comes to us from Milford Public Schools, where she has spent over twenty years as a High School Science Teacher, Principal, and most recently, the Instructional Supervisor of Student Development and Wellness. She brings a wealth of curriculum knowledge, strong leadership skills, and a passion for children and education. Ms. Spaziano will officially begin her tenure in East Lyme on July 1, 2021.

With the end of our 2020-2021 school year next Thursday, June 17, 2021, I would like to wish you all a safe and relaxing summer. Enjoy time with family and friends, and we look forward to seeing everyone back at the end of August.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey R. Newton
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East Lyme Public Schools will inspire, engage and educate each student to become a contributing citizen and a responsible, independent, and critical thinker.