



WOODBIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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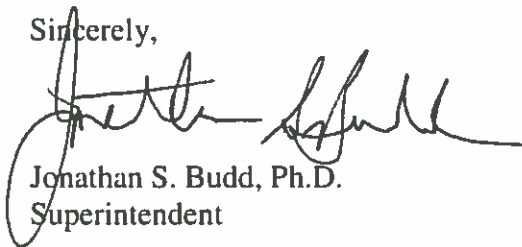
Dear Woodbridge School District Community Members,

Hoping that you are enjoying a beautiful, relaxing, and rejuvenating summer thus far, I share below the following updates related to our plans for the 2021-22 school year.

- Our June 21, 2021 “Safe Return to In-Person Learning & Continuity of Services Plan” continues to be our operational guide, and matches updated guidance from the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE). I encourage you to review [that document on our website](#) if you have not yet done so.
- Currently, CSDE has advised Superintendents that mask guidance for the 2021-22 school year is still being finalized. However, given that nearly none of our students can be vaccinated as of this point, I do not anticipate any changes to the requirement for this fall that masks be worn within the school building, by students and adults, regardless of an individual’s vaccination status; this requirement will also apply on school buses, as well as outside when students are in close proximity or in congregate groups.
- Discussion of Extended-Day programming for 2021-22 has been ongoing over the past month. Because the E-Day program is an extension of the school district, we have been challenged to develop programming that: (a) continues the vibrant legacy of before-/after-school programming that has characterized our district for many years; (b) respects the CSDE COVID-19 parameters; and (c) is fiscally responsible. This morning, plans for Extended-Day for Fall 2021 were finalized in these ways:
 - All health and safety strategies described in the district’s “Safe Return . . . Plan” will be maintained, including mask-wearing and contact tracing requirements.
 - Programming offered this fall will ensure cohorting by grade level.
 - Details related to specific programming that matches the principles above will be released next week.

As always, our district benefits from your questions and feedback. Please do not hesitate to reach out at any time next month for an e-mail, Google Meet, or in-person conversation. All best wishes for a continued wonderful summer.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent