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Dear TPS Families and Staff,

I hope that this message finds you all well and enjoying summer. Below are a number of updates that I hope you find helpful as we begin the new school year! I am truly looking forward to an amazing year.

Return to School

We are excited to welcome every one of our 6882 students back to the Trumbull Public Schools on Tuesday, August 30. We are very fortunate to have just about all teaching positions filled given the widespread discussion around teacher shortages across the State and Nation. We are very fortunate to have most of our teaching staff returning and we hired 34 new certified staff and 23 new support staff.

Please click [here](#) for bus schedules.

You can find the [2022-2023](#) and [2023-2024](#) school calendars by clicking on their links.

COVID-19 Protocols for 2022-2023

On Tuesday, August 2, 2022 the State Department of Education (SDE) held a joint press conference with the CT Department of Health (DPH). During that press conference they shared the following [information](#). They emphasized that these are recommendations and districts have local control. On August 11, 2022 the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) “streamlined” their [guidance](#) regarding COVID.

I have worked with the Town of Trumbull’s Director of Nursing, Lynn Steinbrick, to develop [guidelines](#) regarding our COVID protocols for the school year.

SMART Food Program

It was our understanding that the Free breakfast and lunch that schools were providing last year would end with the 2021-2022 school year. However, we were notified that Trumbull has been allocated \$829,851.98 for the 2022-2023 school year through the School Meals Assistance Revenue for Transition (SMART) funds. This grant allocation should allow all our students free meals through October. We will need to carefully monitor this grant and keep our families updated. As

the grant is spent, we will move back to our traditional model of Paid/Reduced/Free breakfast and lunch. The Trumbull Public Schools will provide more information as it becomes available.

Trumbull Public Schools Equity Position Statement

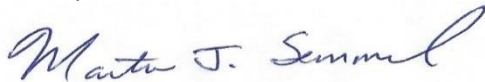
At their July 12, 2022 BOE meeting, the BOE unanimously adopted the Trumbull Public Schools Equity Position Statement. This position statement was developed during the 2021-2022 school year by the District Equity Leadership Team. One of the sentences in the statement sums up the document: "Therefore the TPS, consciously commits to providing learning environments and opportunities that are inclusive, student-centered, rigorous, and equitable through our beliefs, words and actions." You can find the [full equity position](#) statement on our website.

District Improvement Plan – 2022-2023

At the July 12, 2022 BOE meeting the BOE adopted the 2022-2023 District Goals. You can find our 2022-2023 goals and a recap of our 2021-2022 goals on our [website](#).

I look forward to our collective efforts as our entire community does its best to ensure that all students maximize their potential in a safe and caring environment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Martin J. Semmel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

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