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Dear Trumbull Parents and Staff,

The start of the 2021-2022 school year lies just ahead. We have been busy hiring talented staff, cleaning our buildings, and improving curriculum. While I suspect that the school year will face challenges, I am excited that we are returning to 100% in-person learning.

**Vaccine Clinics – Parents, Staff, Eligible Students (12 and up)**

I have been working with Griffin Health to provide vaccine clinics for all eligible students and staff. We recently learned that all school staff are required to be vaccinated against COVID-19 (Executive Order 13D). Below are a listing of the dates for our clinics. Please bring a form of identification. You do not need to sign up in advance of these clinics. The weekday clinics are exclusively for Trumbull students, parents, and staff. There are many [other locations](#) where you may receive your vaccine. The Pfizer vaccine will be provided to those 12 – 18. Adults can receive either the Pfizer or J&J vaccine.

*LOCATION: 10 Progress Drive, Shelton*

Dose 1	Dose 2
Wednesday, August 25 4PM – 7PM	Wednesday, September 15 4PM – 7PM
Thursday, August 26, 4PM – 7PM	Thursday, September 16, 4 PM – 7 PM
Wednesday, September 1, 4PM – 7PM	Wednesday, September 22, 4 PM – 7PM
Thursday, September 2, 4PM – 7PM	Thursday, September 23, 4PM – 7PM
Saturday, September 4, 7AM - Noon	Saturday, September 25, 7AM - Noon

**Adapt, Advance, Achieve – Connecticut’s Plan to Learn and Grow Together – Fall 2021**

The State Department of Education just released its [Fall 2021 guidance](#) for the new school year. While some changes are possible, I wanted to make sure you had the guidance that I just recently received. Please note that Executive Order 13A gives the Commissioner of Education the authority to issue rules related to the required use of masks or face-coverings in school buildings. We will follow the rules for mask exemptions outlined on page 3 of the State Department of Education plan. I have shared with you our [current plan](#) which aligns with the State plan. Next week I will share specific information about our contact tracing process for 2021-2022 and the steps we will take when students are quarantined.

**Bus Routes**

Bus routes are available on our [website](#). Please feel free to contact our transportation department with questions at (203) 452-4321.

### **2021-2022 District Goals**

At the August 17 Board of Education meeting, the BOE unanimously supported the [2021-2022 District Goals](#). These goals were developed after hearing from multiple constituents and implementation of best practices in education. The four main goals are:

- Ensuring the Physical, Social, and Emotional Well-Being of All Students and Staff
- Optimizing Teaching and Learning
- Budgeting to Support Continuous Improvement
- Ensuring Operational Excellence and Continuous Improvement

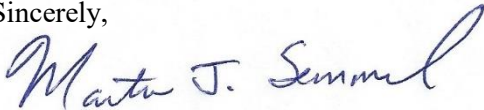
There are multiple district-based action steps associated with each goal. A midyear (January) and Final (May) update will be provided on each of these goals and action steps. These updates will be provided on our website as well.

### **Director of Operations**

I'm very pleased to announce that David P. Cote has been appointed to the position of Director of Operations for Trumbull Public Schools. Mr. Cote will join us on Monday, August 23, 2021, and will report to our Business Administrator, Mr. Paul Hendrickson. Reporting to Mr. Cote will be the Facilities Department, Technology Department, Transportation Department, Food Services Department, and Security Department.

Dave is a Civil Engineer who comes to us with extensive knowledge from his 20+ years of experience in the project management and construction field. Dave served most recently as Project Manager for the Waterbury Development Corporation where he was Owner's Representative during the construction of a state-of-the-art elementary school. Prior to that, Dave held the position of Executive Director, Facilities Planning and Operations at the University of Bridgeport and Director of Construction Management Services/Acting City Engineer for the City of Bridgeport. He received a Master of Science degree in Environmental Engineering from the University of New Haven, as well as a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from California State University (California State Polytechnic University, Pomona).

Sincerely,



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