



Lebanon Public Schools

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Last night, I informed the Board of Education that we would be opening school with a hybrid model of instruction. The change from in school instruction to hybrid was based upon maximizing the safe reopening of schools. We have learned the following:

1. Schools in the U.S. and other countries have had to be shut down when reopening with in school instruction
2. COVID-19 cases in youth have been on the rise this summer, including in CT
3. The amount of novel coronavirus found in the nasal passages of children far exceeds the amount in adults. This has been linked to likely transmission of the virus between children and to adults.
4. A phased reopening, similar with other segments of society, will allow us to monitor the impact of bringing students and educators back to school to better inform a decision to having in school instruction.

In our Hybrid Model, students are divided into Groups A and B. On Mondays and Tuesdays, Group A students will come to school and Group B students stay home for distance learning. On Wednesdays, all students stay home for distance learning. On Thursdays and Fridays, Group B students come to school and Group A students stay home for distance learning. Group A students have last names beginning with letters A-K. Group B students have last names beginning with letters L-Z.

I fully understand that using the Hybrid model solves some problems for families but may also create new ones. Please know that the decision to make this switch was not made lightly and was driven by concerns for the safety of our students and district staff. We are hopeful that this phased-in approach to reopening schools will allow us to have all students return for in school instruction quickly within the first several weeks. We would like for this for this to happen early in October.

Parents can still opt to have their children participate as distance learners. If you would like to take this option, we ask that you fill out the Distance Learning Option Form, <https://www.lebanonct.org/o/central-office/page/school-reopening-information>.

If you already sent in this form, but have changed your mind now that we will start with the hybrid model, please contact Chelsea Williams at: Chelsea.williams@lebanonct.org.

We will hold a virtual informational meeting on Monday, August 17, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. We ask that parents submit questions in advance by using the reopening@lebanonct.org email address. We will use the meeting to answer these questions. Questions will be taken during the meeting using the Chat function of Google meet. Google Meet is limited to 250 participants, but the meeting will also be lived streamed. A recording of the meeting will also be made and posted for viewing.

Meeting information

To join with Google Meet - meet.google.com/iup-trwm-swt

To join by phone - (US)+1 337-441-2709; PIN: 504 068 712#

Livestream - stream.meet.google.com/stream/72755541-0551-4ab0-8339-1ebca430aee8

Census

Our nation is conducting the 2020 Census. The census provides valuable information that is used to provide financial supports to our state and local municipalities. The census is also used to set our congressional representation with the Federal Government. All residents are urged to participate in the 2020 Census. More information can be found here, <https://portal.ct.gov/census2020>

I hope this letter has found everyone to be in good health. I look forward to receiving your questions and to our meeting on Monday.

Sincerely,



Robert J. Angeli
Superintendent of Schools