

## Lebanon Public Schools

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Board of Education voted last night to delay the **first day of school to Tuesday September 8**th. They did this to provide an additional week for staff and building preparations. We understand that this decision will be welcome news for some parents and not so much for other parents. All decisions being made for a safe reopening of schools have been made with the safety of our students, staff and all our families in the forefront. We regret that the decisions may have negative unintended consequences, but we also hope the extra week will give families additional time for preparations for the return of your children to school. A revised calendar is included with this letter and is posted to the district website.

We will continue to open with the hybrid model for the first few weeks of school. Only the first week of school will be early release days. We want to get students back in school full time as quickly as we can. We are hopeful that Lebanon and our area of the state will continue to have low COVID-19 incidences. Earlier I had stated that we would look for a switch back to in school instruction in early October. If at all possible, we will try to do this on September 28. I will let you know within 2 weeks of when we are able to switch.

Also included with this letter is the FAQ sheet to address clarifications around reopening school and the hybrid model in particular. Please use <a href="mailto:reopening@lebanonct.org">reopening@lebanonct.org</a> for questions and comments on reopening schools.

Over the course of school closure last spring and through the summer, we provided a meal pick up program. This was the last week for the program. Meals were provided with financial support through waivers we received from the National School Lunch Program. We provided 63,664 meals to school age children. We are thrilled to have been able to provide this support. My thanks go to Carlos VeraCruz, Chef Manager and the Chartwells staff for their partnership and leadership in bringing this program to our community.

Sincerely

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