

Kelly M. Lyman
Superintendent

July 2, 2020

Dear Mansfield Families,

I hope you have settled into summer routines and your children are happy and active. On Monday, we received a lengthy document that defines requirements and guidelines for reopening school in the fall from the Connecticut State Department of Education. These requirements are focused first and foremost on ensuring a safe and equitable return to school five days a week for all children in the public school system. The requirements also allow each school district to work within the guidance to develop a reopening plan that is appropriate to the context of their community. As many have noted, what is appropriate for a rural community in eastern Connecticut may not be the same as what is appropriate in a Fairfield county community.

Our reopening committee has continued to meet multiple times a week and is now focused on developing the required reopening plan which must be submitted to the state on July 24. Our goal is to develop a plan that meets the state requirements and also provides the level of safety and security desired by our community.

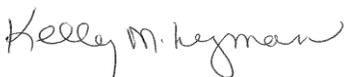
To help us understand the wishes of the community, we will be holding two rounds of community input. The first round will be held next week and will focus on an overview of the requirements and guidance and time for questions and comments. All sessions will be held virtually using the Zoom platform and will last one hour. This round of community input will focus on the hopes you have for reopening and the questions you want answered in the plan.

A second round of community input will occur later in July after the committee has done much of its work. At that time, more answers to specific questions will be available. For this first round, please understand that the committee is still working on MANY of the specifics and so there may not be lots of answers to share. Knowing your questions will help us produce a final report that responds to the desires of the community.

Community sessions have been scheduled at various times throughout the week. Each will be hosted by a school principal and the superintendent. You may attend any session you wish. Dates, times, and Zoom information for each session is provided on the next page. If you are unable to attend a session but wish to submit questions or comments, please direct them to me at MBOESupt@Mansfieldct.org.

Thank you in advance for sharing your thoughts as we all work together to continue to provide a rich educational experience of Mansfield's children.

Sincerely,



Kelly M. Lyman

Reopening Mansfield's Schools – Community Conversations
You are invited to join any meeting you wish.

Community Meeting Hosted by Southeast
July 7, 2020 7:00 PM

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Community Meeting Hosted by Vinton
July 8, 2020 5:00 PM

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Community Meeting Hosted by MMS
July 9, 2020 3:30 PM

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Community Meeting Hosted by Goodwin
July 10, 2020 2:00 PM

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