

August 22, 2023

Greetings Mansfield Public School Families:

As we approach the final weeks of August, I wanted to reach out to share information regarding the opening of school. We have continued to work through the summer months to ensure that our schools are student and family ready for the new academic year. As you review the information below, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's school should you have any questions or need assistance.

First Day of Schools: Thursday, August 31st for students in Kindergarten through Grade 8
Pre-Kindergarten students will start on Friday, September 1st

School Contact: Mansfield Elementary School Pre-K – Grade 4
860.429.1611 ext 2 mesoffice@mansfieldct.org

Mansfield Middle School Grades 5 – 8
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Bus Information: Bus information, including routes, bus numbers, and times, are posted on our website which you can review by clicking [here](#). There may be minor adjustments from time to time with enrollment changes or new requests from families. Please check this information just prior to the start of school for any recent updates. The district will also send out a notice should there be any changes.

We will continue to offer the [MyView app](#) that allows families to track your child's bus. Please use the MyView link above to learn more about the app and how to use it in Mansfield.

Should you have any questions or transportation requests, please contact your child's school office. Please know that M & J Bus Company and the district have worked hard to improve transportation services and have been practicing routes already. M & J are fully staffed this year and have used updated technology to better route students and minimize ride times. While we strive for perfect service, please kindly expect some delays for the first couple of weeks.

MES Building: We are excited to begin the final closeout of the new building project. With the rainy summer, the campus gardens and landscaping have had a chance to become established. There are several key areas that are

being addressed, including the playground areas and retention pond in the back. Continued work will take place but not impede our opening date with students. Filtered water bottle refilling stations, drinking fountains, and bottled water stations are open and safe to use. We continue to monitor water quality and the slightly elevated levels of copper due to the new copper plumbing which will be mitigated with a treatment system that will be installed this fall.

Staffing: We are nearly fully staffed and are excited for the return of our talented staff members and onboarded new hires. Please share the following link should you know of anyone interested in working for Mansfield Public Schools: <https://www.mansfieldct.gov/1736/Job-Openings>

Health: As always, please continue to support and monitor your child's health and vaccinations. Our nurses, with the support of the Department of Public Health, remain updated on current practices, data, and information regarding COVID-19 and other potential health concerns. With the slight increase in reported COVID-19 cases this summer, it is important to review current guidelines and consult with health care providers. Please contact your child's School Nurse should you have any questions or need support.

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In closing, I am excited to continue to serve Mansfield and our students. Our district's theme this year is "All In" which embraces our endeavor to best support each and every child. Our partnership with you is essential and I look forward to seeing you at some point soon. Please look for ways to learn more about our district and provide feedback. On the first Wednesday of each month we will continue to host our Family Advisory Meetings which are open to all Mansfield parents and caregivers. The first meeting is on September 6th at 6pm- please watch for more details.

Sincerely,
Peter Dart
Superintendent of Schools