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Superintendent

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Dear Mansfield Families,

The Mansfield Public Schools plan to reopen has been completed, submitted to the Connecticut State Department of Education and posted to our website for your review. In addition, we have created an executive summary that provides an overview of the plan.

Many thanks to the many staff, parents, and Board of Education members who contributed to the development of this plan. The final report addresses the expectations of the State of Connecticut to have comprehensive plans to reopen schools in either a full in person model, a hybrid model, or through distance learning. At this time, the state is requiring schools to reopen five days a week for all students while allowing families to temporarily choose to allow their children to opt in to a remote learning plan. Our plan includes details available to date regarding this option.

We continue to receive additional guidance and protocols from the state and our plan will be updated as needed. In addition, the state has reduced the minimum number of student days from 180 to 177 to allow for more teacher preparation time prior to school opening. The Board of Education will be addressing the 2020-2021 school calendar at its meeting on Thursday, July 30. I expect minimal change to the student days.

At this time I ask that you review the published documents to learn more about how schools will reopen. I will hold another session of Zoom gatherings to share information and respond to your questions. Two gatherings will be held this week: Wednesday, July 29 at 7:00 with a focus on the middle school and Friday, July 31 at 4:00 with a focus on elementary schools. As before, the information shared at each will be very similar so feel free to attend any session.

**Wednesday, July 29 – 7:00 PM**<https://mansfieldct.zoom.us/j/84395595984>

Meeting ID: 843 9559 5984

Passcode: 185061

Dial in: 1 929 205 6099

**Friday, July 31 – 4:00 PM**<https://mansfieldct.zoom.us/j/86705583930>

Meeting ID: 867 0558 3930

Passcode: 494494

Dial in: 1 929 205 6099

In another week or so I will again ask you to let us know your intentions for returning your children to school. I hope that the information in the report and the information shared in the Zoom sessions will help you make a decision.

I look forward to talking with you again,

Sincerely,



Kelly M. Lyman