

Morgan Learning Model Transition

This week, we successfully returned Joel Elementary and Eliot Middle School to In-Person Learning. After careful review of the public health metrics, mitigation strategies, and establishment of second semester class and Academy cohorts, **I am pleased to announce that we will transition The Morgan School to an In-Person Learning Model on Monday, February 22, 2021.** The high school staff and administrators will prepare for the transition and communicate all necessary information to families regarding school procedures. The full remote learning model will continue to be offered to students as currently established. Parents considering a change in the selected learning plan for their child must notify the school of that intent so that we have time to adjust schedules or placements related to the parent request.

It is important to note that while we have seen a steep decline in the local health metrics and positive cases overall, the risks of transmission remain, and it is imperative that we all continue to practice the proven mitigation measures (wearing masks, social distancing, and hand hygiene) if we hope to sustain our In-Person Learning Models. We will continue to carefully monitor and respond to the data and guidance provided by our health officials, and remain ready to adjust our learning model if necessary. We are committed to safely providing in-person learning to our students, and with everyone's coordinated efforts, we will be able to continue providing five days of in-person learning each week to all of our students.

SNOW DAYS

The Connecticut State Board of Education granted school districts flexibility to consider the use of remote learning in place of a weather-related cancellation for the 2020-2021 school year. In October 2020, after having reviewed the flexibilities and requirements, we communicated our planned response for district weather cancellations. A singular decision must be made for the entire district, and it is based on the type of Learning Model that is operating in our schools (In-Person, Hybrid, Remote).

As we transition our schools back into In-Person Learning, and consider the potential for weather impacts on schooling, please note the CPS plan and review what to expect if we are faced with a weather-related closure.

February 17th-19th School Model: In-Person (Joel & Eliot); Hybrid (Morgan)

- A weather-related closure will result in a remote learning day

February 22 and beyond School Model: In-Person (Joel, Eliot, and Morgan)

- The first 2 weather-related closures will result in a traditional snow day that would be added to the school calendar and adjust the last day of school in June.
 - *Note: The Morgan School Graduation day is set for June 16, 2021 and will not be impacted by additional snow days.*
- For the 3rd and all subsequent weather-related closures, schools will result in a remote learning day.

Board of Education 2021-2022 Approved Budget

On Wednesday, February 3, 2021, the Board of Education approved the 2021-2022 school budget. Posted on our [district website](#) are all the materials and videos related to the budget development process and the [budget book](#) itself are. A basic overview of the budget request and what it supports for 2021-2022 can be found in the [introductory letter](#) from Board of Education Chairperson Erica Gelven. Updated budget information will be shared as we move through the Town approval process and prior to the budget referendum in May.

Dynamic Careers in STEM & Manufacturing: February 24th @ 7 p.m.

Think manufacturing is a tired, old industry? Clinton Public Schools and the PTA are hosting a virtual event with industry experts to share how manufacturing has transformed into a dynamic, advanced industry, offering career opportunities in a broad range of fields, including Human Resources, Accounting, Marketing & Sales and more. Students and their parents will learn about the high demand for careers that do not require a degree, as well as career opportunities for college bound students. The event will include interviews with high school graduates (including Morgan). The panel also includes presidents of local, global companies, and State of Connecticut Chief Manufacturing Officer Colin Cooper. This [flyer](#) contains the zoom link and more details.

Travel Advisory Information

Please see the information on the current [Travel Advisory](#) related to travel in the next few weeks. If you travel to any affected state one must:

1. Obtain a Covid 19 test 72 hours before return to CT
2. Obtain a Covid 19 test within 72 hours after arriving back to CT

OR

3. Quarantine for 10 days upon arrival to CT

The Health Office must receive a copy of the result prior to the student or staff member can return to in person learning. Please email School Nurse Supervisor Donna Frechette at dfrechette@clintonpublic.net to share any travel plans and to coordinate the documentation submission prior to return to school.

Grab and Go Meal Change

Starting on Monday, February 22nd, the "Grab and Go" meal pickup at Morgan for remote learners will only occur on Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:00 am – 12:45 pm. Monday's pickup will include 2 breakfasts and 2 lunches and Wednesday's pickup will include 3 breakfasts and 3 lunches. The "Grab and Go" program is free and open to all children age 18 and younger.