

COVID-19 UPDATE

JUNE 6, 2020

The upcoming week is our last week of school for the 2019-2020 school year and there are activities for collection of materials as well as celebrations planned for our students in grades 4, 8, and 12. Information regarding recommendations for summer reading and various resources available for summer learning will be shared with families next week.

Please see below for some important information:

END-OF-YEAR ONLINE LEARNING FEEDBACK SURVEY

On Monday, June 8, 2020, the district will be emailing an end-of-year survey to all parents, students in grades 5-12, and all staff. Parent surveys will be sent as a link in a SchoolMessenger email while students will receive the survey through their Google Classroom accounts.

The purpose of the survey is to collect feedback regarding the district's online learning program implemented during the recent school closure. Since there is a likelihood of some form of online learning that will be necessary in the fall, we are seeking ways to improve the learning experience for students, teachers, and families. After receiving the survey on Monday, please take a few moments to provide us with your feedback. We will use the information gathered, along with the continued guidance from local and state health officials to prepare for the contingency of needing a district online learning plan for the upcoming school year.

SPECIAL SERVICES UPDATE FROM DIRECTOR KIMBERLY PEARCE

For parents of students receiving special education services and who were recommended for Extended School Year (ESY) through the IEP process:

After carefully considering federal and state guidance, including the published Rules for Operating Summer School during COVID-19 (June 1, 2020), the needs of students, and the information provided by parents and staff, we have made the decision to offer our Extended School Year programming for qualifying students through a virtual platform. We arrived at this decision after thoroughly examining a continuum of service options. Over the next several days, we will continue working on the development of our individualized programs for providing services, and parents will receive further information by June 15th. ESY will be provided during the originally scheduled dates of June 29th through July 23rd. We thank you for your patience as we awaited further guidance and information to determine our ESY programming.

MEAL SERVICE

For the week of June 8th meal service will be provided from 11:00-12:30 at Morgan and Pierson on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. **On Tuesday, students will be provided 2 lunches and 2 breakfasts, because we will NOT be able to provide meals on Wednesday, June 10th due to The Morgan School graduation.** Meal service will continue through June 30th. We have been notified that we have qualified to

provide meal service in July and August at The Morgan School site, and we will share more detailed information about times and procedures in late June.

INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

Moving Forward Together

The Connecticut State Department of Education has requested that Superintendents share the following [letter](#) from Commissioner Miguel Cardona regarding the protests and recent events in our country and resources for families to assist in talking with children.

COVID-19 Resources

This is a link to help families access resources during Covid-19

[Dealing with Covid-19 Resources for Supporting Families](#)