

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) has directed all local school districts to plan for a return to in-person teaching and learning for the 2020-2021 school year. However, districts must also create a hybrid model in which schools would operate at reduced capacity, and a remote learning plan in which school buildings are closed and all instruction is done remotely if the spread of COVID-19 increases locally. The [Clinton Public Schools Reopening Plan 2020-2021](#) was submitted to the CSDE on Friday, July 24, 2020 and can be found on the district website. A survey for community feedback and questions is also now available. To provide feedback or ask questions regarding the plan [click here](#).

Tuesday, August 4th - Reopening Plan Zoom meetings

Superintendent Maryann O'Donnell and Clinton Board of Education Chairperson Erica Gelven will host school-based Zoom meetings to hear feedback from parents and answer additional questions regarding the reopening of schools in September. The meetings will be recorded and posted to our district [Reopening Schools](#) webpage for those unable to attend during the scheduled time. The Zoom meeting information for all schools is in the table below.

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School	JOEL	ELIOT	MORGAN
Time	5:30PM - 6:15PM	6:30PM - 7:15PM	7:30PM - 8:15PM
Meeting ID	972 7287 5813	968 9082 4298	972 2981 5914
Passcode	8WL23z	cf98Zu	M0jg4t
Join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device	Click Here: Joel Feedback Session Passcode: 8WL23z	Click Here: Eliot Feedback Session Passcode: cf98Zu	Click Here: Morgan Feedback Session Passcode: M0jg4t
Join by Phone	+1 646 558 8656 ID: 972 7287 5813 Passcode: 836613	+1 646 558 8656 ID: 968 9082 4298 Passcode: 410369	+1 646 558 8656 ID: 972 2981 5914 Passcode: 840814

Last week, the District Reopening Advisory Committee met to discuss the social-emotional supports that will be put into place when students and staff return to school. Social-emotional learning (SEL) is the process of developing self-awareness, self-control, and interpersonal skills to promote success in school and positive relationships with peers and adults. After more than five and a half months away from their teachers and classmates, students will need to acclimate

to the daily routines and expectations of schools that will look different as a result of COVID-19. A team of school psychologists and social workers are creating a series of lessons to be shared with staff and students that focus on handling adversity, developing resilience, recognizing and managing one's emotions, making responsible decisions, and applying strategies for successful in-person or remote learning.

Plans are underway for a full week of professional development during the week of August 24, 2020. All staff will be provided with a review of the increased safety and hygiene practices and new classroom routines and procedures that are described in the school reopening plan. Additionally, teachers will receive training in Social and Emotional Learning and remote learning technology tools. Finally, teachers will learn to create units of study that can readily be implemented in-person or remotely.