

Important Change to 2020-2021 School Calendar

The Board of Education voted on Monday, July 20, 2020 to adopt an adjusted calendar for the 2020-2021 school year. In order to properly prepare to reopen our schools safely and to have the opportunity for our teachers and paraeducators to plan and learn our new protocols, we have added professional development days prior to the start of school and shifted our first day of school to Tuesday, September 1, 2020. This will allow for five professional development days for teachers and two days for paraeducators to receive training, review protocols, and prepare to open our schools to students. The NEW 2020-2021 School Calendar can be found [here](#).

District Website - Reopening Schools 2020 Tab

The district is committed to making information regarding our reopening decisions and planning easily available to parents. We have created a [Reopening Schools 2020](#) tab on the main page of the district website. This will be the repository of all information that is sent to families, as well as planning documents, important information, and resources. We hope that you will reference this page when you have questions or are in need of information about our school reopening.

Updated School Planning Information

At the Board of Education meeting on Monday, July 20, 2020 information was shared with Board members about numerous aspects of our district reopen planning, with a focus on the three learning models for reopening and an initial overview of reopening plans for each school. The document links listed below were shared with the Board of Education and are intended to provide important information and details of our current planning status and thinking. *Please note that these are preliminary planning documents and are continuing to evolve as we work with our local health department and internal departments to determine and refine our processes.*

- [Overview of Learning Models for the Reopening of School](#) (In-person, Hybrid, and Remote)
- [Joel School Reopening Overview](#)
- [Eliot School Reopening Overview](#)
- [The Morgan School Reopening Overview](#)

District Plan Completion and Release

We have established the following tentative timeline for submission and release of our District Reopening Plan. Once the plan is released, we will be gathering feedback and utilizing virtual meetings to provide additional information, updates, and to answer questions. We will continue to adjust and adapt and utilize this Weekly Update and our schedule outlined below to keep our school community informed.

Friday, July 24, 2020	Submission of Initial Plan to the State Department of Education
Monday, July 27, 2020	Release of the Clinton Public Schools Reopening Plan to the school community and provide a method for acquiring feedback and questions
Tuesday, Aug 4, 2020	Virtual School Meetings with Families (more detail to be provided)

School Messenger

Last Thursday, School Messenger was scheduled to send a text to all families who had cell phones in our system inviting them to opt in to receive school message links through text. Unfortunately, due to an issue with the systems, that process was delayed until this afternoon. Please check your cellphones for a text from School Messenger, and if you are interested, choose to opt in. If you did not receive a text, we will be collecting that information next week through a link to a form and then working to add in our families who are interested and were not able to do so in this first attempt.