



Superintendent Monthly Report September 8, 2020

Reopening of Schools

We would like to thank the staff for their continued cooperation as we attempt to reopen schools during our state of emergency. There is clearly a climate of cooperation as we navigate the every changing guidance from health and state officials. It is important to note that everyone is working hard to promote a safe learning and working environment. We will continue to use trend data and guidance from local health officials in making decisions relating to school operations.

The attached enrollment report reflects that 85% of students have elected to return to school in the hybrid model. It is our intention to offer a full in-person model on October 5, in alignment with the metrics established by the Connecticut Department of Public Health. Covid transmission rates of less than 10 per day per 100,000 people support a full in-person model. The previous three weeks of data reflect a rolling seven-day average of 2 or less cases per day, per 100,000 people, in Windham and New London counties.

The leadership team will continue to work towards our full reopen plan by October 5. The previous week and the next two weeks will be used to adjust our new procedures relating to transportation, arrival and dismissal, recess, lunch transitions, and remote learning.

On September 1, 2020, Executive Order #9 empowers the Commissioners of Early Childhood and Education to have binding authority in its guidance to reopening schools. The executive order makes a reference to mask wearing guidelines at the preK level, which I expect will change in the coming weeks. We will keep the Board updated as new information becomes available.

Transportation Department

I would like to thank Anne Michaud for her hard work in establishing bus routes for the opening of the school year. I would also like to thank the drivers for their continued patience and flexibility. Opening under the hybrid model has lessened the challenges often accompanied with the first few days of school. As an additional burden, the transportation department must take into account various hybrid schedules among school districts, including our own district. Michele has established weekly meetings with the district and driver leadership to review our protocols and problem solve any issues that arise. Our new director, Annie Glaude started her tenure with us on August 24, 2020. Ms. Glaude's experience as a driver, dispatcher, and supervisor will be an asset to our district.

Business Office

Our end-of-the-year expenditure report, Education Financial System (EFS) report, was submitted on September 1, 2020 as required by state statute. We concluded the FY 2019-20 with a surplus of \$51, 103.77.

We continue to await implementation guidance on the new Coronavirus Relief Grant. Canterbury has been awarded \$144,000 to support the purchases of PPE equipment and efforts relating to health and safety. For the time being we continue to leverage all existing grants, including the ESSER grant to meet our programming needs.

The September financial report reflects that current expenditures are at anticipated levels. The October report will have a protected forecast and more details relating to specific budgetary expectations.

Personnel Report

List of all new hires:

Daniel Burke	Special Education Teacher, CES
Cathy McQuade	7/8th Grade LA Teacher, DHBMS
*Sean Donnelly	7/8th Grade Special Education Teacher, DHBMS
*Annie Glaude	Contracted Transportation Director, CPS

List of all transfers:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Elizabeth Huband	DHBMS - Special Education Teacher	4th Grade Teacher, CES
Cynthia Pisowloski	CES -3rd Grade Teacher	2nd Grade Teacher, CES
Kelly Bahre	CES - 2nd Grade Teacher	Special Education Teacher, CES
William Kolodziej	CES - 2nd Grade Teacher	3rd Grade Teacher, CES
Stephanie Goodwin	CES - Remedial Reading Teacher	2nd Grade Teacher, CES

List of vacancies:

Remedial Reading Teacher - CES
Temporary part-time custodians

*New to CPS since August Personnel Report