



Superintendent Monthly Report

General Updates: April 13, 2021

In-Person Learning Model

This month we are starting to see an increase in COVID cases in our community. We have had a few staff members and students required to quarantine, which has resulted in grades 7 and 8 transitioning to a full remote schedule for one week. Additionally, two sections in grades 5 and 7 transitioned to a full remote model the week after. All grades have returned to a full in-person learning model.

Despite the slight increases in cases, more families are electing to transition from a full-remote schedule to an in-person learning model. Grades 2 and 3 now have 100% students back in the classroom.

We sent a survey home to forty-six families who currently homeschool their children in order to inquire if they intend to send their children to school next year. Twenty-three families that responded to the survey. Four families shared they are undecided and four families said they will return to Canterbury Schools next year. Additionally, since the start of the school year, four homeschooled students have returned to an in-person learning model.

Vaccination Program

The Northeast District Department of Health has scheduled staff for a second vaccine clinic on April 9. As a result we canceled the full remote learning day scheduled for Friday, April 9 and scheduled an early release day for students. Staff are treating the day like a typical early release Wednesday.

Health Insurance Program

We have begun the process to transition to our new health insurance carrier, effective July 1, 2021. I sent the union leaders official written notice of the Board's intent to switch insurance carriers on March 12. I then met with union leadership on March 15 and we held a presentation for all staff on March 22.

On April 7, The CT-CHIP Board of Directors met and voted to dissolve the collaborative, effective June 30, 2021, with the exception of administrative services through December 30, 2021. The CT-CHIP Executive Board also agreed to eliminate any penalties associated with terminating the collaborative agreement early. The board will meet again September 29, 2021 to review any administrative procedures that require board action.

FY 22 Budget

The Governor's most recent executive order provides guidance regarding municipal elections and budget referendums. In summary, the FY 22 budget will likely go to referendum and not be decided by the Board of Finance. The Board presented in FY 22 budget to the Board of Finance on April 7.

Grants

The ESSER II grant funding has been separated into two separate grants. The official federal grant will be \$337,307. The SDE has also allocated an additional \$38,548 to Canterbury Public Schools. The grant allocation is \$375,855.

The American Relief Fund grant, also known as ESSER III, has not been released yet. Estimates of Canterbury's allocation is expected to be between \$750,000 and \$850,000. However, no official notice or grant application has been provided. On Friday, April 9 the State Department shared we should anticipate to receive the application in late April or early May.