



June 26, 2020

Dear LEARN Community,

Governor Lamont and Commissioner Cardona held a press conference yesterday to announce plans for Connecticut schools to reopen in the fall. As part of this announcement, they also released an outline of their guidance to districts along with indications of additional information to come.

You can read more on the Governor's statement here: <https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Press-Room/Press-Releases/2020/Governor-Lamont-Announces-Plans-for-the-2020-21-School-Year-Amid-the-Ongoing-COVID19-Pandemic>

As has been the case throughout the pandemic, current guidelines and the expectation for a full reopening are based on existing data and forecasted trends related to COVID transmission in Connecticut. As these realities continue to evolve, so too will the guidance and impact on schools.

LEARN remains committed to serving the educational needs of its students while protecting the safety and health of all the children, families, educators, and employees that comprise our LEARN community.

To that end, LEARN has been working alongside superintendents throughout Southeastern Connecticut to collaborate on plans for a safe reopening. In addition, your voice is critically important. Please remember that we are hosting a series of reopening school discussions next week where you can share your thoughts, concerns, and questions relative to the fall. While we will not yet have many answers to share, your thinking and input will be vital to the development of our plans. If you have not yet signed up for a time, you may do so by using the links below.

We will continue to work hard to assure a reopening that meets the academic, physical, emotional, and safety needs of our students and educators. We are committed to ongoing communication as our planning evolves throughout the summer. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to your school and program leaders, or to me, if we can be of service to you.

Thank you for your partnership. Have a wonderful weekend.

Please use the links below to register for one of the reopening schools conversations. You will receive an invitation to the Zoom event prior to the conversation you select.

### **Students/Families**

Session 1: July 1 4:00-5:00 **Elementary Families (Grades PK-5)**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040E49A5AD2DA5F58-reopening>

Session 2: July 1 5:30-6:30 **Secondary Families (Grades 6-12)**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040E49A5AD2DA5F58-reopening3>

Session 3: July 2 9:30-10:30 **Elementary Families (Grades PK-5)**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040E49A5AD2DA5F58-reopening1>

Session 4: July 2 11:00-12:00 **Secondary Families (Grades 6-12)**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040E49A5AD2DA5F58-reopening4>



**Staff**

Session 1: July 1 1:00-2:00 **Elementary Staff (Grades PK-5)** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040E49A5AD2DA5F58-reopening2>

Session 2: July 1 2:30-3:30 **Secondary Staff (Grades 6-12)** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040E49A5AD2DA5F58-reopening5>

Always,

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