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Dear Bristol Public Schools Community,

It is hard to believe that next week will be June 1st and there are only 13 days remaining in the 2019-2020 school year. With that in mind, the district has been planning summer learning opportunities for all grade levels. This week's letter will include a brief description of the various Summer Learning Options as well as information regarding Personal Belongings Pick up, Happy Happenings Across the District and Upcoming Meeting information.

Summer Learning Options

The Office of Teaching and Learning has created multiple options for summer learning for our Pre-K through grade 12 students. These options include: Self-directed virtual learning boosters, teacher directed virtual learning boosters for grade K-5, teacher directed virtual learning boosters for grades 6-8, and credit recovery options for students in grades 9-12. Detailed information regarding these programs will be sent to you next week and posted on our website. Brief descriptions have been provided below.

Virtual Learning Booster--Self-Directed for Grades Pre-K through 12

The self-directed virtual learning boosters will provide suggested activities that students can use to boost their understanding of content and skills in a self-directed platform utilizing high quality materials selected from the web based on their alignment to our learning targets, the quality of their development, and their compliance with the CT Student Data Privacy Act. These activities would be optional learning activities for students that tie back to the targeted content and skills from the emergency remote-learning period. These activities will be made available in addition to the summer learning activities that have been provided in the past (summer math, summer reading). The menu of activities will be made available to students beginning on July 6 through to the end of the summer. Students would complete these activities as they choose.

Teacher-Led Virtual Learning Booster for Grades K-5

Teacher-Led Virtual Learning Boosters will be made available to 40 students per grade-level, 240 total students. Teachers and administrators from our elementary schools will identify students based on their academic performance both in virtual and in-person school environments using criteria that has been developed by Teaching and Learning Supervisors. Students would be recommended to participate. Participation would be optional.

Teacher-Led Virtual Learning Booster for Grades 6-8

Teacher-Led Virtual Learning Boosters will be made available to 25 students per grade-level, 150 total students. Teachers and administrators from our middle schools will identify students based on

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their academic performance both in virtual and in-person school environments using criteria that has been developed by Teaching and Learning Supervisors. Students would be recommended to participate.

Credit-Recovery for High School - Grades 9-12

What: For the purposes of credit recovery for students who ended the year with an “I” and therefore do not receive credit.

Serves: Students who have ended the year with no credit in the following courses: English 1-4, Algebra, Geometry, Algebra 2, Civics, US History, World History, Physical Science, Biology and Chemistry. The Edgenuity platform that best align with the essential learning targets for our curriculum. Teachers would blend live instruction, personal connection with students, and Edgenuity tasks.

Extended School Year for students with Disabilities and Individualized Educational Plans

What: Decisions regarding a child’s eligibility for ESY services are to be made by Planning and Placement Teams (PPTs) on an individual basis based on the needs of the child. Students will be provided with remote learning aligned to their Individualized Educational Programs to the greatest extent possible. Special education teachers will plan both “live” virtual and remote instruction. Related service providers will plan for both “live” virtual and remote services.

Personal Belongings Pickup

This week our pre-K – Grade 8 schools have communicated the schedule for returning students’ personal items and the process to return school materials such as textbooks and library books. While parents and students are on campus to retrieve items, families will be provided Scholastic Book Packets donated through the Connecticut Partnership to Bristol Public Schools. Each book bundle has three to four grade-level books, as well as supplemental “think sheets,” with questions and discussion material about the books, in English and Spanish. All social distancing and PPE requirements will be adhered to while we collect and return items.

Happy Happening Across the District

The links below highlight a wide range of activities that took place across the district this week. They include morning announcements from Ivy Drive, Greene-Hills and Southside Elementary schools, Virtual Recitals from Mountain View and Stafford Elementary Schools, BCHS Awards Night, pictures from BCHS and BEHS Senior Celebration and Lawn Sign Delivery and finally Northeast Middle School showed us we are all in this together! Despite the distance, teachers and students continue to engage in and support one another in a variety of creative ways, that are both inspiring and moving.

Daily Morning Announcements from Ivy Drive on May 29, 2020

<https://flipgrid.com/gomes3479>

Daily Morning Announcements from Greene Hills Schools on May 29, 2020

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/14tZtWApepbyXNgbgVllp-KHiICSUEwj4/view>

South Side School Morning Announcements

<https://flipgrid.com/7ed1c2b1>

Mountain View School Virtual Recital
[Mountain View School Virtual Recital 2020](#)

Stafford School Virtual Recital
[Stafford School Virtual Recital 2020](#)

Bristol Central High School Virtual Awards Night
[BCHS Awards Night](#)

Senior Celebration and Lawn Sign Delivery
[BCHS Senior Lawn Signs.jpg](#)
[BEHS Senior Lawn Signs.jpg](#)

Northeast Middle School reminded us that we are all in this together.
[Northeast Middle School staff reminded us we are in this together!](#)

As always, We are Bristol Public Schools! We are Bristol All Heart! We are all in this together!

In partnership,



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