

Catherine M. Carbone, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools



Michael Dietter, Ed.D.  
Deputy Superintendent of Schools

June 12, 2020

Dear Bristol Public Schools Community,

It is hard to believe that the 2019-2020 school year is coming to a close. This will be my last Friday Parent Update letter for the 19-20 school year. You will receive my Superintendent's closing letter on Wednesday, June 17th. This week's letter highlights: Districtwide Virtual tours, Parent Orientation for our ESY Program, Summer Learning Opportunities which includes Online Driver's Education, Summer Learning Challenges from the CT State Department of Education; a Social Emotional Support Resources Link, a reminder to participate in the Re-Opening School Parent Survey and information regarding rising 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> grade scholars.

### **Districtwide Virtual Tours**

Due to school closures, we were not able to have our typical student tours and orientations this spring, however, we have made efforts to create a seamless transition for our scholars who may be starting in new schools for the 2020-2021 school year. Through an exciting collaboration with 360 Properties LLC, we have created virtual tours of all Bristol Public Schools. These welcoming tours will allow students and families to visit a school virtually to help you and your child become familiar with your new school. School links are available on each school's website. Follow the link and enjoy a tour of your current school and/or your new school for next year if transitioning within the Bristol Public Schools community!

### **Virtual Parent Orientation – ESY Program**

On Tuesday, June 16, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. we will host a Virtual Parent Orientation for our ESY Program. The orientation will be provided via webinar format for parents of students participating in our ESY program. The remote ESY program will run Monday through Thursday, June 29-July 23, 2020. If your student is participating, please be on the lookout for an email with meeting details and a link to the Virtual Parent Orientation.

### **Virtual Summer Learning Opportunities**

Bristol Public Schools will offer online learning opportunities for middle and high school students in need of credit recovery or additional academic support. Summer school will run from Monday, July 6th through Thursday, August 6th, four days a week. Eligible students will be notified by their guidance counselor. For more information contact: [@GAUDET,STEVE](mailto:@GAUDET,STEVE)

### **Bristol Driver Education Online - Summer 2020**

Bristol Public Schools will offer an online Drivers Education Course for high school students. Prerequisites for the course include: Must be a resident of Bristol; Must be 16 by July 7, 2020; Must be a Bristol High School Student, and Must have Wi-Fi access and the use of a device suitable for activities utilizing Zoom and Google Classroom. Course information has been provided below. For additional information or to register go to: <https://bristoldrivered.coursestorm.com/>

Teach and Learn with Passion and Purpose

**Course Title:** 30-Hour Driver Education Classroom

**Prerequisites**

- Resident of Bristol
- Be 16 by the start of the first class (July 7, 2020)
- Must be a Bristol High School Student
- Have Wi-Fi access and the use of a device suitable for activities utilizing Zoom and Google Classroom.

**Synchronous 30 hr. classroom, including parent night.**

**Summer Driver's Education Online Classroom Schedule**

**Days:** Mon, Tuesday, Wed, Thursday

**Time:** 8:30-10:30 AM

**Dates:** July 7\*, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30

**Cost:** \$125 per person

**\*July 7 - The first class is "Parent Night," 6-8 PM. A parent/legal guardian and student must participate together in this first class.**

For more information, or to register go to: <https://bristoldrivered.coursetorm.com/>

**Cancellations & Refunds**

You may cancel this registration at any time before the day of the first class, to receive a partial refund. If you cancel your registration, a 15 % processing fee is charged. To cancel, email Art Costa at [artcosta@bristol12.org](mailto:artcosta@bristol12.org).

**2020 Summer Learning Challenges**

I am sharing the Summer Learning Challenge Series sponsored by The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE). The following challenges are designed to engage students in learning over the summer and assist them in accelerating their learning and preparation for the upcoming school year.

- 2020 Governor's Summer Reading Challenge: [Imagine Your Story](#)
- 2020 Commissioner's Summer Math Challenge: [Mathematics: The Key to the Future](#)

**Social-Emotional Supports for Parents and Students**

Results from our SEL survey sent to families last month indicated many parents would utilize resources if available. We have compiled resources and videos for families to access on our district webpage: [BOE Website/Quick Link / SEL Resources](#)

**Parent Survey- Reopening Plans 2020-21**

Just a reminder, Bristol Public Schools has convened a Reopening of School Task Force to develop options and plans for the 2020-2021 school year. As we begin planning for the upcoming school year, we would like to hear from our families. Please respond to the brief survey by Wednesday, June 17, 2020. [Reopening Plans 20-21 - Parent Survey Link](#)

We will provide additional details regarding the reopening of school as information becomes available. Thank you again for your continued patience, understanding, and support as we look forward to welcoming our students and families back for the new school year!

## **Virtual Promotion and Commencement Information**

### **Rising 8th Graders**

Congratulations to all of our 8th grade scholars who will be promoted and moving onto high school in the fall. **Virtual promotion exercises will be communicated by your school's administrator.**

### **Class of 2020**

Finally, congratulations to the Class of 2020 at Bristol Central, Bristol Eastern, and Bristol Preparatory Academy! This is a milestone achievement, thirteen years in the making it is now part of your personal history. We wish you success and happiness in all you chose to do.

On behalf of the Board of Education and the entire Bristol Public Schools community,  
Congratulations!

**Full Commencement exercises will be posted on each school's website at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 17, 2020.**

As always, We are Bristol Public Schools!

In partnership,



Catherine M. Carbone, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools