

Distance Learning in the Trumbull Public Schools: Questions & Answers

with Jonathan Budd, Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent, and Christina Hefele, Director of Digital Learning
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The following is pertinent information to help educate the community of the plans of Trumbull Public Schools. It is a paraphrase of the question & answer period of the April 3, 2020 Distance Learning in the Trumbull Public Schools presentation by Jonathan Budd, Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent, and Christina Hefele, Director of Digital Learning. The full presentation may be accessed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wD8rdxNkYpk&feature=youtu.be>.

What are the latest on school closures and distance learning?

As of today, April 3, we are still closed by order of the Governor. Our schools are closed through April 20. We believe we'll have more information next week whether this will be extended or not. If schools become closed longer than April 20, we'll look at how our distance learning plan will continue to provide the best education to each student for the remainder of the year.

Weekly parent newsletters issued on Wednesdays are found under the "2020 Distance Learning" tab (top left) at www.trumbullps.org. What are the topics for the upcoming week?

Some topics will include: 1) tips for managing multiple users on Chromebook; 2) suggestions and links to the Trumbull Library on how patrons can take out books digitally; and 3) information for virtual field trips geared towards the elementary and middle schools age level. We are also adding some quick tips and tutorial videos for students on the newsletter site.

Can you tell us a little about our special guests today?

As mentioned before, our distance learning K-5 level focuses primarily on literacy, mathematics, and science. However, we've also provided rich activities in the arts and physical education for this level. While we are encouraging and not requiring that work, we want to provide in this broadcast some information from key teachers and leaders about their prepared activities and principles to have students be engaged in K-5 art, music, and physical education.

The broadcast continued with conversation with special virtual guests, teacher-leaders Deb Dean (visual arts team leader), Michael McGrath (music team leader), & Craig Dwelle (physical education teacher). See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wD8rdxNkYpk&feature=youtu.be>.