

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 8, 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=crd_Y7ElwMI&feature=youtu.be.

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?

For our third edition you will find some useful information for parents on how to manage multiple students on the same Chromebook. In some of our secondary newsletters, you will find some information on how to make distance learning most effective. We've also highlighted one of district's resources on Newsela and how this information is used in our classrooms.

Can you talk about the parent feedback survey that recently was distributed?

The survey, which closes at the end of the day of April 8, asks a variety of questions to help us get feedback from parents on how distance learning is going. We ask each parent to complete it once for each child they have in our district's distance learning system. Earlier this morning we had over 1000 responses and we hope to get even more. We will provide a summary of these survey responses hopefully by April 20, and we will use the responses to guide our continued distance learning to the extent that schools continue to be closed after April 20.

Turning towards our special guests today, who are they and why are they with us today?

We highlighted some strategies last week for our K-5 population, but we know that distance learning is a little more complicated at the high school level. So, we have two special virtual guests with us today who are experienced, outstanding teachers at Trumbull High School. The first is Elizabeth Capobianco, one of our Trumbull High math teachers, and the second is Pablo Sevilla, one of our Trumbull High Spanish teachers. In addition to being teachers, they are also parents, so we are also going to ask them a little bit about how they are responding to what they see in their own children.

The broadcast continued with conversation with special virtual guests, Trumbull High School teachers Elizabeth Capobianco (math) & Pablo Sevilla (Spanish). See

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