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Dear Parents and Staff,

The school year is off to a good start. We are so pleased to have all of our students back in school and ready to learn. Over this past school year and during the summer we increased our overall enrollment by more than a hundred students and we are excited to have everyone come together to begin the new year. While COVID will continue to challenge our schools and families in meaningful ways, we are doing our best to make sure our students are fully engaged with their academics and developing positive relationships with peers and staff. Quarantined students will likely be our most significant hurdle this year and we will continue to pay attention to the changing landscape as we partner with everyone to navigate yet another year of COVID.

Vaccine Clinics

We have our scheduled clinics this week Wednesday (9/22), Thursday (9/23) and Saturday (9/25). The week day clinics are from 4 PM to 7 PM and the Saturday clinic is 9 AM – Noon. These clinics are held at Griffin Health located at 10 Progress Drive in Shelton.

As of September 15, the fully vaccinated rate of our 12-17 year old people in Trumbull is listed as 72.5%. Close to 80% of the same age range is listed as “initiated vaccination”. You can find this information from every town in CT at <https://data.ct.gov/Health-and-Human-Services/COVID-19-Vaccinations-by-Town-and-Age-Group/gngw-ukpw>

Reopening Resources

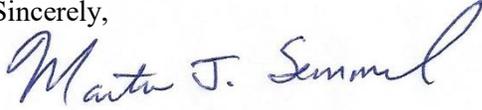
You can find all our Reopening Resources [here](#). Please note that we have added a second table to our COVID tracker. The added table shows the number of “school-based exposures” that have occurred at each school per week. This will allow anyone to see how many cases have occurred at any school for any given completed week. As a reminder we are not sending an email to all parents and staff every time a case occurs. These trackers are meant to provide everyone with the information they need without overly taxing our system.

Summer Seamless Option through Food Services

Did you know that all school-aged children may still take advantage of a free breakfast and free lunch every school day? The Federal government has continued the Summer Seamless Option that allows for this. Only the standard meal is free so children must pay for any la carte and specialty items. When a student takes a free meal they will need to enter their unique 6-digit code to ensure that the

school district is properly reimbursed. The district does make a profit on each free meal so I would encourage your child to participate. This will help us reduce the losses we took in Food Services last year and saves you from significant grocery bills.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Martin J. Semmel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping 'M' and 'S'.

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