

WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, August 2, 2021

AGENDA

PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

7:00 p.m., Staples High School, Cafeteria B (Room 301)

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS (15 MINUTES)

DISCUSSION

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| 1. Health Update, <i>pages 1-2</i> | Ms. Susanne Levasseur |
| 2. ESSER II and III Grant Update, <i>pages 3-15</i> | Dr. Anthony Buono |
| 3. Appropriation Request | Mr. Elio Longo |

DISCUSSION/ACTION

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| 1. Carryover Account | Mr. Elio Longo |
| 2. Saugatuck Elementary School Partial Roof Replacement - Contract Award Change | Mr. Elio Longo |

ADJOURNMENT

To: Thomas Scarice, Superintendent of Schools, and the Westport Board of Education

From: Ms. Suzanne Levasseur

Date: July 29, 2021

Re: COVID-19 Health Update

As we approach approximately one month until the start of the school year we continue to monitor trends in transmission and updated guidance from both the CDC and the CT. Department of Public Health. As we ended the school year, transmission rates in the state, county, and in Westport were very low and had continued to decrease in the early summer. Presently there is concern over the Delta variant and an "uptick" in cases both nationally and more locally here in CT., although case rates remain low. There is some increase in hospitalizations statewide and deaths remain low with 4 deaths being reported from 7-18-21 to 7-24-21. The Westport/ Weston Health District has also reported an increase in the number of cases over the past few weeks. The Delta variant is presently the predominant strain and is more easily transmitted from person to person than previous strains.

Vaccinations continue to be the most important mitigating measure. We continue to encourage all eligible persons 12 and over to get vaccinated.

Guidance from the CDC continues to evolve and change. In the previous month the CDC recommended that masks would only be recommended for students and staff that are unvaccinated. More recently it has reversed this recommendation to now recommend universal mask wearing inside for all teachers, staff, students and visitors in the school building regardless of vaccination status. It is important to note that the CDC guidance is for all States. The Connecticut Department of Public Health has not yet issued a mask recommendation or mandate. The Governor's present executive order on masking in school buildings is extended until 9-30-21.

Other recommendations and guidance from the State Department of Public Health include the following:

- No masks are recommended when outside for recess or physical education.
- Masks will still be required when on the bus.
- Vaccination clinics and pool testing may be available for school districts upon the start of school depending on need.
- 3 ft. social distancing, when feasible, is recommended.
- Contact tracing and quarantine policies continue to be recommended although the contact definition in the classroom setting between students has been decreased from 6ft. to 3ft. There should be much less quarantining of entire classrooms necessary.
- No additional disinfection other than routine cleaning is recommended.

- Food Service can return to normal operations without the need for single service or disposable items.
- Arts and performance recommendations remain the same as last year.
- The goal is for 100% in-person learning.
- Daily routine cleaning is recommended.
- Fall sports may start and have a full season.

We will continue to be proactive in monitoring the guidance and work with our WWHD and Medical Advisor in the coming weeks as we operationalize these recommendations for our school opening.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Levasseur MSN, APRN, CPNP
Supervisor of Health Services



ESSER II & III Update

ESSER II



Budget

1. Summer Learning Opportunities 2021	\$266,705
2. Mathematics Tutoring Program 6-12	\$210,000
3. Computer Hardware	\$100,083
4. Responsive Classroom PD	\$60,000
5. Academic PD Teachers and Paras	\$40,000
6. Teacher Wellness Activities	\$15,000
Total	\$691,788



Summer Learning Opportunities



- **ESSER Summer Learning Enrollment**
 - Elementary (students entering Gr 1-6): 151
 - Middle School (students entering Gr 7-9): 82**233**



- **Extended School Year (ESY):**
 - Stepping Stones Preschool 52
 - Grades K-5 75
 - Grades 6-12 45**172**

- **Summer Enrichment Opportunities: 614**



Mathematics Tutoring Program

Middle School (each school)

- Monday - Thursday
- 2 - 4 students per session
 - Morning session: 7:10 - 8:00 (two 25 minute sessions)
 - Afternoon session: 3:30 - 4:20 (two 25 minute sessions)

High School

- Monday - Thursday
- 2 - 4 students per session
 - Morning session: 7:00 - 7:45 (two 20 minute sessions)
 - Afternoon session: 3:00 - 3:45 (two 20 minute sessions)



ESSER III



Budget

Facilities (HVAC)	\$163,778
Computer Hardware	\$476,143
Coordinators for Mastery Based Diploma (2 yrs.)	\$24,000
SEL Curriculum Review and Update	\$30,000
Academic Professional Learning Opportunities	\$84,689
Middle School Math Specialists (1 FTE, 2 yrs.) (salary and benefits, \$66,881 + \$30,000 = \$96,881)	\$193,762
Elementary Math Specialists (3 FTE, 2 yrs.) (salary and benefits, \$66,881 + \$30,000 = \$96,881)	\$581,286
Total	\$1,553,658



Facilities - HVAC Upgrades

GFS: Daiken/McQuay Chillers Control Upgrade	\$46,000
GFS: Replacement and installation AHU w/ dehumidifier	\$8,315
LLS: Building management system controls	\$7,721
LLS: Installation packaged RTU 5 ton music room	\$25,277
SHS: D0 Chiller Overhaul	\$76,465
Total	\$163,778



Computer Hardware

Chromebooks	\$344,145
Desktops	\$71,300
Document Cameras	\$20,000
Laptops	\$40,698
Total	\$476,143



SEL Curriculum/Program Review

- Establish Districtwide SEL Steering Committee
- With stakeholder input establish and SEL vision for the district
- Adopt or establish SEL standards
- Review existing programs and alignment to vision and standards



Middle School Math Specialist

1 FTE

- Add an additional mathematics specialist at the middle school level
 - Provide student intervention and support
 - Provide support and coaching for teachers



Elementary School Math Specialists

3 FTE

- Add three additional mathematics specialist at the elementary level
 - Provide student intervention and support
 - Provide support and coaching for teachers



Questions or Comments

