



Dear EASTCONN Students and Families,

June 30, 2020

I hope this communication finds you all enjoying the rejuvenation of summer. As you are likely aware, Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont and Education Commissioner Miguel Cardona have announced the great news that **schools will reopen in the fall**.

The comprehensive *Reopen Connecticut School Set of Guidelines*, released on Monday, June 29, will provide us with the information we need to create a safe and thoughtful plan for our own students' return.

EASTCONN has created a Re-entry Committee that includes representatives from each of our schools and programs. Over the next few weeks, we will use the *Reopen Connecticut School Set of Guidelines* to create our own reopening plan. We do know that our plan will include mandatory mask-wearing, social distancing and both remote and in-person learning. Our first priority will be to ensure that all safety measures are in place for students' return. As we focus on reconnecting with our students, we will also take steps to ensure that both students and teachers are equipped to re-engage in deep learning in their new, modified learning environments.

We know there are still many unanswered questions, and we will continue to update you as our plan progresses. Links below will take you to important documents, which include the Governor's executive summary and the presentation slides used in the press conference held last week.

[View the Executive Summary here](#)

[View the Presentation Slides here](#)

As we develop our re-entry plan, we will seek your feedback. We ask that you be patient as this new process develops. As always, please know that we have the best interests of our students at heart. We can't wait to welcome our students back and we look forward to seeing each and every one of you in-person soon.

For now, enjoy the sun-filled days of summer and stay well.

Sincerely,

Diane Dugas  
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