

BOE/CO Friday Packet September 10, 2021

Upcoming Meeting Dates Enclosure No. 5 – Policy 6173 Enclosure No. 6 – Policy 6999 CABE/CAPSS Convention Registration for 11/12/2021 Interfaith Sukkot Luncheon Invitation for 9/23/2021



Upcoming Board of Education Meeting Dates 2021

September 14	6:00 PM	Special Meeting/Executive Session Superintendent Conference Room
September 14	8:00 PM	Regular Meeting CO Board Room and Virtual 501 Kings Hwy East
September 21	5:00 PM	Policy Committee Meeting Superintendent Conference Room 501 Kings Hwy East
September 28	7:30 PM	Regular Meeting CO Board Room and Virtual 501 Kings Hwy East

Other Town Meetings September 21, BOF Quarterly Review October TBD, BOF Capital Planning Summit

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Fairfield Public Schools Board of Education Policy Guide

Instruction

HOMEBOUND / HOSPITAL INSTRUCTION

6173

I. GENERAL HOMEBOUND/HOSPITAL INSTRUCTION

Home and hospital instruction shall be a teaching service available, as mandated by Section 10-76d-15 of the Connecticut State Board of Education Regulations, to students who are unable to attend school for medical and/or mental health reasons for a period of two weeks or longer due to a verified medical reason as diagnosed by physician, psychiatrist or Planning and Placement Team, or that the student's condition is such that the student may be required to be absent from school for short, repeated periods of time during the school year. The purpose of home or hospital instruction shall be to help students to keep up with their work even though unable to attend school because of their disability. Instruction provided pursuant to this policy shall maintain the continuity of the child's general education program and, in the case of a child with a disability, shall be provided so as to enable the child to continue to participate in the general education curriculum and to progress towards meeting the goals and objectives in the child's IEP.

The PPT shall consider the educational needs of a student with a disability who is medically complex and the need for instruction is to be provided in accordance with an IEP when said student is not able to attend school. A student with a "medically complex" disability is one who has a serious, ongoing illness or chronic condition for at least a year, which requires prolonged or intermittent hospitalization and ongoing invasive medical treatments or medical devices to compensate for the loss of bodily functions.

Home instruction may also be provided for those students who have been excluded from regular school attendance for disciplinary reasons.

No teacher during the school year shall accept remuneration for tutoring students in his/her class. However, if a student is designated as a homebound student, a tutor may be employed by the Board of education.

II. HOMEBOUND REMOTE LEARNING DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The Fairfield Board of Education ("Board") is authorized to establish procedures governing the provision of continued educational opportunities in response to the rare circumstances in which students require instruction instead of regular in-person instruction due to concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Board authorizes the Superintendent or designee to develop temporary administrative procedures or regulations regarding continued educational opportunities during the 2021-2022 school year in rare and individualized circumstances, for students with elevated risks from COVID-19 exposure due to cohabiting family members with documented vulnerability to COVID-19. Such temporary administrative procedures or regulations shall:

- A. provide that the Administration will make programming decisions on an individualized, case-by-case basis;
- **B.** consider a variety of continued educational opportunities as necessary and appropriate;
- C. take into account emerging best practices regarding continued educational opportunities, including, without limitation, any such practices identified by the Connecticut State Department of Education;
- **D.** squarely document eligibility with equity and consistency in mind, and address the frequency and with what restrictions access will be granted;
- E. provide that the District will count the attendance of any student determined to be eligible who spends not less than one-half of the school day during remote learning engaged in (a) virtual classes, (b) virtual meetings, (c) activities on time-logged electronic systems, and (d) the completion and submission of assignments;
- F. provide for remote learning only for the period of necessity and incorporate periodic review of continued necessity, on an individual basis, of remote educational opportunities; and
- G. acknowledge that such procedures or regulations may require amendment in the event of changing conditions and public health necessities during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.
- (cf. 4138/4238 Non-School Employment) (cf. 5114 Suspension and Expulsion)
- Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-76d-15 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies as amended. 10-76d Duties and powers of Boards of Education to provide special education programs and services. 10-233a et sec. Exclusion.

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In the event of facility closure or necessary change in program delivery in response to an emergency declared by federal, state, or local authorities, the Fairfield Public Schools will take all necessary steps to ensure for all students the continuation of the high-quality instruction and learning that is the hallmark of our excellent school system.

Essential to high-quality instruction and learning is a high level of student engagement in their coursework. Engagement is driven by quality teacher-student interactions that will include the use of synchronous live video in full-class, small group, and 1-to-1 instruction.

Students may earn credit for high school graduation by participating successfully in distance learning offered by the District during such emergencies. Determination of successful participation will be made by school and district professional staff and assessed by the teacher teaching the course through district-provided distance learning consistent with course standards. District curriculum standards will be maintained during distance learning to the greatest extent possible. Assessment and grading will take into account work performed by the student both in distance learning and in the traditional classroom, as well as the circumstances students encounter during distance learning.

II. Remote Learning for COVID-Related Quarantine and Isolation

The Fairfield Board of Education directs the administration to develop a support instructional model for students who must be excused from school due to a Health Department directed COVID-related quarantine and/or isolation. Such a model must maintain teacher and student interactions during the quarantine and/or isolation period. The model must include both synchronous and asynchronous instruction and daily support opportunities. Any changes to the instructional model will be communicated to the Board and community in a timely manner.

Legal References: Connecticut General Statutes § 10-221a.

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2021 CABE/CAPSS Convention Friday, November 12, 2021 **Mystic Marriott Hotel, Groton**

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2021 CABE/CAPSS CONVENTION

The Future: **Civility, Diversity, and Student Voice**

One Day Only! • Friday, November 12, 2021 Mystic Marriott Hotel, Groton

The CABE/CAPSS Convention provides Connecticut board of education members and superintendents the opportunity to acquire knowledge through general sessions and workshops that can help them prepare students to be successful in the 21st Century. Attend the Convention and experience a day focused on student growth. Hear from top-level education thought leaders on the latest educational initiatives, celebrate Connecticut's talented students, network with school leaders from throughout the State.

Early Registration Now Open!

Early registration is now open for CABE 2021-2022 member board members, CAPSS member superintendents, and CABE business and education affiliates!

Be a part of Connecticut's premier professional development for educational leaders.

Click here to learn more about the 2021 CABE/CAPSS Convention and for the registration form.

> **Click here** to register online. (Log in and click on the event tab)

<u>Click here</u> for instructions on how to log in to our new database.

Be Inspired! Choose From Nearly 20 Dynamic Sessions Plus a package of recorded sessions you can access at your convenience. For live updates on the **Convention and other** CABE events:

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Today is International Literacy Day- Sept 8 was proclaimed International Literacy Day by UNESCO in 1966 to remind the international community of the importance of literacy for individuals, communities & societies & the need for intensified efforts towards more literate societies.



Sep 8, 2021

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Benefits of Attending

- Ensure you understand the skills that will enable students to be successful in the 21st Century by attending a variety of thought-provoking workshops, clinics, and general sessions delivered by local and national experts.



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203-374-5544 bethelfairfield.org office@bethelfairfield.org August 25, 2021

The Sisterhood of Congregation Beth El will be hosting its 47th Annual Interfaith Sukkot Luncheon on **Thursday September 23**. We invite you to participate virtually in a new way of celebrating our community and sharing in our harvest festival. This past year, we have seen racial injustice, a global pandemic, and an unbelievable amount of disruption in our day-to day-lives. We feel it is of the utmost importance to celebrate our community by coming together to fight hatred, bigotry, and racism and renew our pledge to keep these values always in sight.

We are pleased to invite religious, civic, and organizational leaders like yourself from across Fairfield County to join us on September 23 via Zoom at 12:00 pm. We ask for a donation of \$18 per person; \$25 for a patron; or \$36 for a sponsor. All are welcome, so please share the enclosed flier with your colleagues and staff. Just let us know you are attending by September 20 to ensure you receive the event Zoom link to participate.

Our speaker this year is Randi Redmond Oster. She is the multi-award winning author of *Questioning Protocol*, which helps patients navigate the healthcare system and medical professionals understand the patient perspective. At the national level, she is the FDA Consumer Representative for the Pediatric Advisory Committee. She also serves as Consumer Representative for the National Quality Forum. Gain insights to how the system really works as Randi discusses tips about talking to your doctor and the inside scoop on how drugs are approved, and shares her lessons learned from caring for her son and mother. Her personal stories will make you laugh, cry and feel inspired.

We look forward to sharing this beautiful day that demonstrates Unity, Love, and Faith. Proceeds from the luncheon benefit Operation Hope's food pantry and shelter.

Shalom, Amy Sheinberg Sisterbood Presidium



Congregation Beth El Sisterhood's 47th Annual Interfaith Sukkot Luncheon

Thursday, September 23, 2021 12:00 PM via Zoom

Speaker: RANDI REDMOND OSTER

Author, Questioning Protocol

Redmond Oster is the multi-award winning author of *Questioning Protocol*, which helps patients navigate the healthcare system and medical professionals understand the patient perspective. After her book release, she co-founded a patient experience training company, Help Me Health, which is credited for improving healthcare institutions' ratings.

At the national level, she is the FDA Consumer Representative for the Pediatric Advisory Committee and is one of 12 voting members for drug approvals. She also serves as Consumer Representative for the National Quality Forum. Plus, she is a founding member of the Right Care Alliance, the Patient Experience Policy Forum and Patient Safety Action Network.

Gain insights to how the system really works as Randi discusses tips about talking to your doctor so your preferences are met, the inside scoop on how drugs are approved and what you need to know about Medicare insurance.

Randi shares her lessons learned from caring for her son and mother. Her personal stories will make you laugh, cry and feel inspired.

Luncheon proceeds to benefit Operation Hope.

RSVP no later than Friday, September 17th

We must receive your reservation and payment by September 17th

Please make checks payable and mail to: Congregation Beth El, 1200 Fairfield Woods Road, Fairfield, CT 06825

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