



Together We Learn - Preparing Our Youth In Re-Entering to School

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It is becoming increasingly clear families with school-age children in Connecticut will need to be flexible and agile as decisions by local education authorities are still being made and decisions that have been made are subject to change as circumstances evolve.

Some school districts have already announced that education will be provided through remote methods only, while others are saying that school will be partially in person on school grounds and partially provided virtually. Some districts are saying that school will be on school grounds only.

We can expect modifications as the pandemic situation evolves.

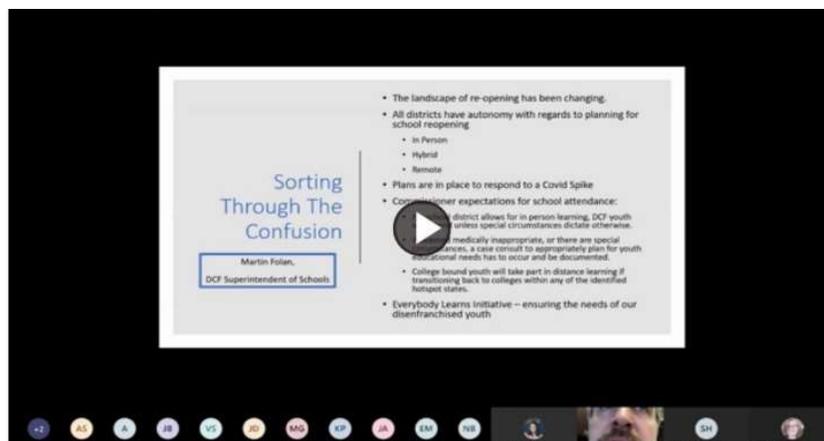
So how can we help the families we work with deal with uncertainty and the fluidity of the situation?

The Department of Children and Families U.S.D. II superintendent, Matt Folan, said that while each family's situation is unique due to the local nature of the decision-making process, there are four things that all parents and caretakers need to be responsible for:

1. Find out from local school officials what their current plan is. Is school being conducted at school, remotely/virtually, or some combination of both (a hybrid)? What is the schedule for in school and/or virtual schooling?
2. If the parent or caretaker needs child-care, confirm who will provide it and when. Understand that school and work schedules can change, so have backup plans should unexpected contingencies occur.
3. If school will be on school grounds, confirm what the transportation plan will be.
4. Make sure the school knows how to contact the parent or caretaker to notify them of plans and also of changes to plans that may be necessary.

Please watch Matt Folan and Region 5 Educational Consultant Nachi Bhatt along with Academy for Workforce Trainers Maureen Auger and Shaneka Hernandez discuss preparing students for their return to school.

Watch A DCF Webinar: ***Together We Learn Preparing Our Youth In Re Entering School***



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