Learning at a Distance: Journeys of Connecticut Schools

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) launched its Learn Together, Grow Together CT initiative to leverage the collective capacity and resources already in place around the state in order to better facilitate collaboration toward common goals by identifying and promoting the most exceptional strategies and connecting district leaders and educators with colleagues to borrow, adapt and put to use these proven models in their own districts.

This three-part live webinar series will showcase how a range of Connecticut districts have implemented teaching and learning at a distance. Key topics such as student engagement, balancing asynchronous/synchronous learning, online teaching practices, professional learning, rigorous content, formative assessment, special populations, socio-emotional support, connectivity, and security will be discussed. Districts will share what they have learned along their journey. Participants will be able to pose questions. All webinars will be recorded and posted on the CSDE Professional Support Series for Districts webpage.

Session 7: Teaching Social Studies in a Period of Change

During this live webinar, curriculum leaders and educators will discuss innovative ways to teach social studies at the elementary school, middle school, and high school levels during this unique period in our history.

**Date:** May 18, 2020

**Time:** 2:00–3:30

**Presenters:**
Jessica DeMaio and Nora Mocarski Canton Public Schools
Joe Marangell and Jennifer Murrihy, East Haven Public Schools
Mary Hanna and Matt Salvestrini, New Canaan Public Schools

**Register:** [https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/559127720671577774](https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/559127720671577774)

Session 8: Strategies for Effective Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Online Instruction

This live webinar will showcase how Ledyard High School and Shepaug School have been providing rigorous and meaningful lessons in Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources during these extraordinary times.

**Date:** May 21, 2020

**Time:** 2:00-3:30

**Presenters:**
Devon O’Keefe, Department Head, Agricultural Science and Technical Education Center, Shepaug School
Lori Trovato, FFA Director

**Register:** [https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7721263638203124492](https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7721263638203124492)

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