

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Simsbury School Staff:

It is hard to believe we are heading down the homestretch of what has been a year we will never forget! Thank you for everything you have done to support our students this year. This pandemic experience has impacted each of us in varied ways -- both personally and professionally. What I have witnessed from staff, students, and families over the course of the year has made me more grateful and appreciative than ever before. We may all be exhausted, but we eagerly look to the future for continued signs of greater normalcy.

As we head into the final days of the school year, there have been dramatic improvements relative to the pandemic both locally and nationally. I look forward to the summer ahead as the state continues to reopen and vaccination rates continue to climb. As of May 15, according to the Farmington Valley Health District, 85.4% of Simsbury residents age 15+ have initiated their vaccination with 74.3% of this population fully vaccinated. This positive news puts us in a good position as we plan for the reopening of school in the fall. I look forward to welcoming all of our students back for five-day, in-person learning when they return on September 1st.

We will be ready to communicate over the summer months as information and guidance evolves from both the Department of Public Health and the State Department of Education. Administration remains in constant communication with the Farmington Valley Health District, and they share in our enthusiasm with the recent downward trends in virus activity. The FVHD will continue to partner with us as we plan for the fall, but I am filled with optimism at the prospect of continued improvement as we move forward. With that said, we must remind you of the current guidance from the [CT Department of Public Health](#) that still requires masks to be worn in school settings for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year.

I am pleased to report that Simsbury High School seniors enjoyed a successful prom last weekend and senior outing earlier this week. We will proceed with graduation on June 7 at the Performing Arts Center at Simsbury Meadows in a similar format to previous years. Students will celebrate seated with their classmates, socially distanced. Family members are welcome to attend and be seated on the lawn area circling the venue. More specific details will be communicated directly from the high school. I can't wait to congratulate our graduates as they walk across the stage and receive their diplomas in front of family and friends. I appreciate all you do to support the district's efforts, and I look forward to our continued partnership.

Regards,

Matt Curtis  
Superintendent