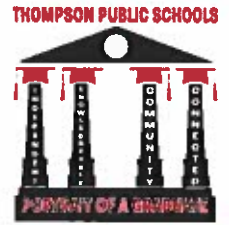




# THOMPSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Thompson Families,

The summer seems to be flying by and students will soon be returning to school.

We will be welcoming back some students early as they are enrolled in the Summer Jump Start Program. Jump Start students were invited to participate in the program last spring to receive learning support and to reacclimate to the school environment before the upcoming school year begins – a jump start on school.

Jump Start will begin on Monday, August 9, 2021, and end on Thursday, August 19, 2021. Please be advised that the district continues to follow COVID-19 mitigation strategies currently in place. All students, faculty, and staff will be required to wear masks inside the schools during Jump Start. In addition, students are also required to wear masks while riding the school bus for this program. As a reminder, breakfast and lunch will be served at no cost.

**The official start date for the FY 21/22 school year for all students is Wednesday, August 25, 2021.**

We are still waiting for written guidance from the Department of Health and Connecticut State Department of Education regarding the use of face coverings for the new school year. It is important to note that all students riding the school bus will be required to wear masks as part of public transportation regulations.

We are excited to begin a new school year and welcome back our students, faculty, and staff. I will be providing you with additional information regarding any changes to the COVID-19 protocols.

Enjoy the final weeks of summer break!

Sincerely,

Melinda A. Smith, M.Ed.  
Superintendent of Schools