



THOMPSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Thompson Families,

I am pleased to announce that Thompson Public Schools has partnered with Day Kimball Hospital in collaboration with the Northeast District Department of Health to offer school employees the COVID-19 vaccine.

A vaccine clinic for employees will be held on Tuesday, March 2, 2021. All schools will dismiss early following a regular half-day school schedule. The second dose of the vaccine will be administered to employees on Tuesday, March 30, 2021 and students will be dismissed half-day as well. In addition, Wednesday, March 31, 2021 will be a remote learning day as the district anticipates employees may not feel well following a second dose of the vaccine.

I am hopeful having school employees inoculated will allow our schools to operate full-time without interruption moving forward because we will not need to quarantine a large number of staff due to COVID-19 exposure.

To offset some of the learning loss, I am canceling ½ days on Friday, March 5th and Friday, March 26th. Both dates will be a full day of school.

To recap, the upcoming school schedule changes are:

- Tuesday, March 2, 2021 Early Dismissal PreK-12
- Friday, March 5, 2021 FULL DAY OF SCHOOL
- Friday, March 26, 2021 FULL DAY OF SCHOOL
- Tuesday, March 30, 2021 Early Dismissal PreK-12
- Wednesday, March 31, 2021 Remote Learning PreK-12

Please note that the district will continue to adhere to strict COVID-19 mitigation strategies throughout the remainder of the school year. The vaccine is a preventative measure, however does not replace the recommendations in effect made by CT Department of Public Health.

Thank you again for your patience as we work to provide a safe and healthy learning environment for our school community. If you have any questions about the employee vaccine program, please feel free to reach out to your child's school nurse.

Sincerely,

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