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Dear Parents and Staff,

I hope this message finds you well. Although the schools have faced a high number of COVID cases over the past few weeks, we are steadfast in our commitment to provide high-quality in-person learning to all of our students. We have seen the impact that school closures had on our students and we would like to avoid that possibility at all costs.

The Department of Health (DPH) consistently reinforces that getting fully vaccinated is the best overall mitigation strategy and reduces the potential severity of symptoms in those who do get infected. Trumbull is fortunate to have a [high vaccination rate](#) and I have worked with Griffin Health to provide the additional pediatric vaccine clinics below.

Pediatric (5 – 11 year olds) Vaccine Clinics – All at Griffin Health, 10 Progress Drive, Shelton, CT

Friday, January 7 4PM – 7PM

Saturday, January 8 7AM – Noon

Sunday, January 9 9AM – 1PM

Friday, January 28 4PM – 7PM

Saturday, January 29 7AM – Noon

Sunday, January 30 9AM – 1PM

You can also find the vaccines [available](#) in many other locations as well.

2022-2023 Budget

You can find the Superintendent's Proposed Budget on our [website](#). In creating this budget, my team and I focused on the needs of our students from multiple perspectives. We took into account the academic, social-emotional, and safety needs of our students while recognizing that paying for education falls primarily on local property taxes. While you may not read every page of our budget, I would request that you review the sections entitled "Executive Summary" and the "Division Backup". The BOE will meet on January 11, January 13, and if needed, January 18, so that my team can present our budget and respond to questions. We anticipate a vote on the Board of Education Adopted

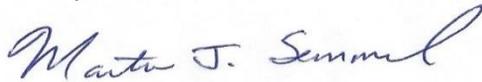
budget on February 8. Given the recommendations from the First Selectman, our meetings can only be attended by the public via Zoom. No physical visitors will be allowed. If the circumstances around COVID change, that recommendation may change.

ELITE Bookstore

We have been working very hard to open *Next Chapter Books* (NCB), the bookstore and cafe to be run by students enrolled in our ELITE program, to be located at 2 Daniels Farm Road. We have run into some delays due to supply chain issues and COVID, which has impacted some of our vendors leading up to this point. However, we are pleased to share that our ELITE students will begin using the space as an active hub and worksite in January, as they prepare for a grand opening to occur sometime in the first quarter of the new year. We hope that you will take some time to visit our shop once it opens. You can learn more about this project and the value we believe it will bring to the greater Trumbull Community [here](#).

Wishing all of you exceptional health and profound happiness as we close 2021 and look forward to a fulfilling 2022!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Martin J. Semmel". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

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