



A new day is a new opportunity to make something happen!

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“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.” - Margaret Mead

[3 Ways to Build Relationships - in Person or Virtually](#) [by Kimberly Hellerich](#)

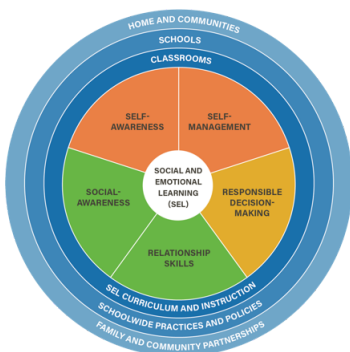


Reopening Schools Behind the Scenes

I want to thank our district ReEntry Team who worked to develop our [District ReEntry Plan](#). Several additional teams worked many, many hours to think of all of the details of our day and finalize plans for each school. The teams put in place safety measures to lower the risk of contracting COVID-19 in our schools, plans for enhancements to distance learning, and plans to support our students in developing strong social emotional skills. A special thanks to our families for their patience and feedback as we finalized our plans. Building level details can be found in the [GHS FAQ](#) and [HES FAQ](#) documents. Please join us for our Family Forum for Welcoming Students Back to School this week. Details can be found [on our flyer](#). For the next several weeks, I will use this space in my newsletter to highlight how our plans are working in operation. I am very excited to see students in our classrooms again. I am also excited to connect with those students who will be learning from home. Welcome to the new school year!

Welcome & Celebrations!

Each week for the next several weeks we will be celebrating both new staff and milestones. This week we are celebrating our new staff and those transitioning to a new role. Please welcome back: Dan Pape (HES) & Ashley Archer (HES)! Please welcome to the team: Lety Bell (GHS), Amy Doyle (GHS), Heather Dube (HES), Jessica Goulart (GHS), Karen Henry (HES), Ana Kyrz (GHS/HES), & Chelsea Morrison (HES)! Congratulations goes to Theresa Jones as she transitions to the role of grade 3 teacher at HES! Congratulations goes to Michelle Terry for completion of TEAM with the support and thanks to her mentor Kristin Gladding!



Social Emotional Learning

What is Social Emotional Learning (SEL)? Over the next several weeks we will feature a deeper dive into the five competencies using The Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL) as our resource. This week [click here](#) to learn more about the SEL framework. Next week we will look closely at Self-Awareness.

Do you have a resource, quote, or article to share? District committees can also communicate news via this newsletter. Just email me at tbaird@hebron.k12.ct.us. Have a great week!