

Superintendent's Update

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**Bloomfield
Public Schools**



Dear Bloomfield Public Schools families:

Here is our update as of Thursday, July 13, 2023:

SUMMER PROGRAMS

The district's Summer School Initiative was successfully launched this week, with a wide array of academic and enrichment activities to engage about 500 students.

The initiative is comprised of our Early Start program for those in grades 1-8, and programs for high school students.

High school students were involved in credit-recovery work, and also received instruction in English Language Arts, reading, writing, math and social emotional learning. Several Bloomfield High School students are participating in a study about rare diseases, through our partnership with Connecticut Childrens Medical Center.

Carmen Arace Intermediate School students are working on a critical-thinking project about free speech - as it relates to social media platforms. Financial literacy and money-management sessions are also being conducted.

The district's Summer Bridge program, in collaboration with Goodwin University, also started this week. There are 22 recently graduated seniors participating in the daily program. Multiple career-development workshops are being conducted related to manufacturing and engineering. Students are also taking English and Advance Math classes.

OTHER NEWS

Lt. Governor Susan Bysiewicz held a press conference today on the grounds of our Wintonbury Early Childhood Magnet School campus. She was promoting the federal Summer Meals Program for children, as it relates to Connecticut.

We are appreciative that the Lt. Governor's office chose our school site as a backdrop for the announcement.

I hope you continue to enjoy your summer break. For more school related news, remember to follow us on our [Facebook page](#); [Twitter](#); and the [district website](#):

Sincerely,

Dr. James Thompson, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools