

# *Medfield Public Schools*

## **RETURN TO FULL IN-PERSON FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS #3**

**March 9, 2021<sup>1</sup>**

### **Implementation/Schedule**

<b>Will Wednesday remain a half day?</b>	Currently, Wednesday afternoons are an important aspect of the weekly calendar allowing teachers to work collaboratively to adjust curriculum and instruction to the unique hybrid context. With the shift to in person, we will revisit the Wednesday afternoon curriculum planning period and reevaluate the use of this time. We are discussing this with the Medfield Teachers' Association.
<b>Will the start time go back to pre-covid hours?  Is there anyway the High School and Middle school could return to the same time?</b>	Given the district's mission to not intermix school cohorts in order to support contact tracing best practices, middle and high school buses will run at different times. Thus, the start and end times of each school will remain as they are for the rest of the school year.
<b>Will there be changes in scheduling for children that remain in or move to Cohort D?</b>	Parents and guardians will have the opportunity to select the schooling context (full in person / full remote) that best supports their child via a binding survey that will be issued soon. Building principals and/or guidance counselors will work with families to ensure a smooth transition into or out of Cohort D.

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<sup>1</sup> *This document contains questions/comments gathered from the "Return to Full In-Person Survey" open to Medfield Public School parents/guardians between February 26-March 4, 2021. It is important to note that in the midst of this survey window (3/3/21), Governor Baker announced that K-12 educators are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine, thus changing the context of a number of the questions and comments within this document.*

	As a reminder, the Cohort D model will be in place through the remainder of this school year. Cohort D students will remain with their assigned teacher.
<b>What will the class sizes be?</b>	Although there will be some movement into/out of cohort D, we anticipate that class sizes will return to close to a typical school year (18-24). A good guide is to double the current size of a child's current Cohort A or Cohort B class.
<b>Is there enough space to have all students back in schools?</b>	Over the past few weeks, all classrooms and other similarly sized spaces within each of the five schools were measured to determine classroom capacity. As a result of this analysis, it is clear that while we can accommodate all students within the school at the same time, the distance between students will vary depending on the school. Elementary and Blake Middle School classrooms allow for a 4-5 foot difference between students. At the High School, classroom sizes are more compact, allowing for 3-4 feet between each student. Teachers across the district remain 6 feet away from students.
<b>Will the school begin using alternative spaces such as [the] cafeteria? Can you elaborate more if other spaces will be utilized.</b>	Alternative spaces, such as libraries, cafeterias, etc. have been used throughout the year. This practice will continue in each of the schools in order to accommodate the maximum distance between students.
<b>I'd like to know more details about how each classroom will be set up, with a detailed chart of each classroom so that we know which our child's room will look like</b>	Each classroom will be laid out within a grid with students' desks facing forward. The distance between each student seat will vary depending on the size of the classroom, however will be 4-5 feet in grades K-8 and 3-4 feet in grades 9-12.
<b>Why will a full in person model be considered for only a short period before the end of the school year?</b>	Looking at the academic calendar, there are still a significant number of weeks left in the school year- well over two months. Significant amounts of in-person learning experiences can occur during this time.

<p><b>Will younger grades (i.e. grade 2 ) be prioritized to return to full in person learning before older grades? There is a big disparity between grade 2 and grade 12 kids' ability to learn virtually.</b></p>	<p>Reopening efforts have been ongoing for some time with a focus on our youngest learners. For example, PK has been in school all year, Kindergarten returned in January, and Grade 1 returned in February. For the next phase of reopening, Grades 2-5 will return first (March) with middle schoolers and high schoolers returning soon after (late March/early April).</p>
<p><b>How fast can we get to full in school? I beg you not to wait until April. We can and need to do this mid March</b></p>	<p>There are a number of safety, transportation, scheduling, and curriculum/instruction factors that need to be addressed to ensure a safe and meaningful school opening. These include the ongoing implementation of our pooled testing program, bus rerouting, Cohort D transfers, and more. We aim to reopen as soon as these important factors are met-- likely late March/early April.</p>
<p><b>How much lead time will you provide before making the transition from hybrid to in-person?</b></p>	<p>We will announce the opening dates per school shortly in order to provide parents/guardians sufficient time to make adjustments to their schedules.</p>

**Academics/Extracurriculars**

<p><b>Can't wait for students to return full time! My one question is, if a high school student is in quarantine and/or has COVID, will they have the option to livestream during this time so they can keep on pace during an extended absence?</b></p>	<p>We are currently in discussions with the Medfield Teachers' Association regarding the use of live streaming in a full in-person format. We are well aware of and appreciate how important it is for our quarantined students to have access to instruction.</p>
<p><b>What are options for learning at home for the rest of the year?</b></p>	<p>Parents/guardians have the option to switch to a Cohort D classroom once the full in person model goes into effect. For K-5, this means that students will switch into a full-remote class taught by a Medfield</p>

	<p>classroom teacher. Blake students will take most of their classes with Medfield teachers taught synchronously and asynchronously. With complexity of course offerings and leveling of Medfield High School classes, the format of Cohort D is still being developed. As a reminder, the Cohort D model will be in place through the remainder of this school year.</p>
<p><b>What happens to the exceptional Cohort C educators?</b></p>	<p>Cohort C teachers (and the rest of our teachers) are exceptional! Once parents/guardians make final determinations regarding full in person or Cohort D, Cohort C teachers' roles will be evaluated to see where best they can support the work of the school.</p>
<p><b>Will orchestra /band be meeting in person? Curious how that will be handled when kids return.</b></p>	<p>Orchestra and Band will continue to follow current <a href="#">Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Guidelines</a> regarding music instruction. That said, with the weather growing ever warmer, there will be opportunities for band students to receive instruction outside.</p>
<p><b>Would any after school activities be added? Or are we just going to focus on in-person class time?</b></p> <p><b>What is the plan for extra-curriculars (ie prom, sports, clubs)?</b></p>	<p>When possible, we will support after school activities based on COVID-19 social distancing guidelines. Discussions regarding Prom and other special activities are still ongoing, however are subject to Massachusetts Department of Public Health regulations. Information regarding specific activities will be issued by each building principal, club advisor, or the Athletic Director.</p>
<p><b>Will the Dale Street School offer before school care??</b></p>	<p>Unfortunately, we cannot offer before school care at this time.</p>
<p><b>How will this affect MAP?</b></p>	<p>MAP programming will continue throughout the school year. For more information, please refer to the <a href="#">MAP</a> website.</p>
<p><b>What general student supports are in place for recovery of social skills, social and emotional supports?</b></p>	<p>Across the district, teachers implement robust social-emotional learning curriculum within their classrooms. This practice will continue. In addition, supports are available as outlined within the <a href="#">Medfield Public Schools District Curriculum Accommodation Plan</a> (DCAP). Teachers will continue to work with students on a child by child basis.</p>

## Transportation

<p><b>I would like to know more details about the bus proximity. Does this mean 2 per seat?</b></p>	<p>Our district school buses will accommodate two students per bench seat and a <u>maximum of 47 persons</u>. Each student will have an assigned seat in order to allow for effective contact tracing, if needed. Please note that the actual number of students within each bus will depend on the number of parents signing up for bus transportation. We hope to determine this final number within the next few weeks.</p>
<p><b>What has changed scientifically to support a change to less than 6ft distancing especially for older students and to allow more children to potentially ride the buses?</b></p>	<p>On February 11, 2021, the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education revised their <a href="#">transportation guidance</a> based on consultation with medical advisors, including the Massachusetts Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. As such, student seating configurations allow for less than a 6' distance between students provided students are masked, windows are open, and other safety protocols are followed.</p>
<p><b>Is it possible to return to neighborhood buses so siblings can sit together regardless of the elementary school they attend?</b></p>	<p>Given the district's mission to support contact tracing best practices, buses will continue to be assigned to specific schools.</p>
<p><b>Our only question surrounds how busing will be organized. For example, will Wheelock, Memorial and Dale still all be on the same bus as they were before? Just asking because we wouldn't want the</b></p>	<p>Given the district's mission to support contact tracing best practices, buses will continue to be assigned to specific schools. All buses will follow protocols outlined by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.</p>

<b>kids on a packed school bus.</b>	
<b>What is the impact on bus routes and times</b>	Bus routes and scheduled times will be determined once parents/guardians complete a binding return to school survey that will be issued shortly.
<b>I would like to know if Junior students can keep the parking spots when it's full in-person. If my daughter has to give up the spot, she needs a bus ride, otherwise, she doesn't.</b>	Throughout the hybrid model, senior parking was maximized by allowing cohort A and cohort B students to 'share' a spot. With the return to full in-person classes, the parking permit procedure will revert to its typical model. Seniors will be contacted to determine if a spot is needed. Any remaining spaces will be distributed to Juniors based on lottery.
<b>Can my children be dropped off at an after school program if their bus already stops at a house next to the program?</b>	Parents/guardians should contact Phyllis Montillo regarding bus transportation requests ( <a href="mailto:pmontillo@email.medfield.net">pmontillo@email.medfield.net</a> ).
<b>Will there be a bus from Dale Street to Kidsborough (so my daughter can get there after school)? Thank you.</b>	Parents/guardians should contact Phyllis Montillo regarding bus transportation requests ( <a href="mailto:pmontillo@email.medfield.net">pmontillo@email.medfield.net</a> ).
<b>If our child does not decide to take a bus to/from school, will there be staggered times for drop off and pick up to avoid traffic problems and time wasted?</b>	The start/stop time will remain in place through the rest of the year. Medfield Public Schools will work with local authorities to support efficient traffic patterns.

**Safety**

<p><b>Will pooled testing simultaneously continue with full in person? / Will the pooled testing continue if deemed effective in this initial pilot?</b></p>	<p>The district’s pooled testing program has been incredibly successful with over 70% of middle and high school teachers and students participating. This testing, which helps identify the presence of Covid-19 within building populations, will continue through the rest of the school year.</p>
<p><b>Can spacing in the HS be reconsidered to be more consistent with lower grades? / Why does the distance range vary from school to school? Why isn’t it 3’ for all?</b></p>	<p>Unfortunately, the typical high school classroom is much smaller than an elementary classroom-- a fact that holds true at Medfield High School. Thus, the space between students is 3-4 feet versus the 4-5 feet distance within the lower grades. It is important to note that Medfield High School’s HVAC system has hospital grade ventilation filters, which, coupled with an open window and robust mask policy, provides a safe learning environment for our teachers and students.</p>
<p><b>Can you discuss the cleaning and disinfectant plan?</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Robust cleaning procedures</a> have been in place since schools reopened in September. With increased knowledge on how Covid-19 is spread, we will replicate our Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday cleaning protocols on Wednesdays.</p>
<p><b>Since the distance b/t students is being cut almost in half in some cases, what (if any) additional safety protocols will be implemented? / If the kids cannot be 6 feet apart, will any other safety protocols be added in the school if distance is no longer an option?</b></p> <p><b>Will you add temperature checks before entering the school as one of the mitigation measures or will you just rely on families to not send their children to school</b></p>	<p>As shared above, Medfield Public Schools have focused on student and faculty safety throughout the year. We have implemented a multi-prong approach that includes facility upgrades (e.g. elementary desk shields; hospital grade ventilation systems), personal hygiene protocols (e.g hand sanitizer stations), and meaningful programs and procedures (e.g. open windows; rapid Binex in-house testing, contact-tracing protocols; middle/high school pooled testing opportunities).</p> <p>While temperature checks were implemented by some districts and organizations early in the pandemic, <a href="#">research</a> indicates that this measure is not particularly effective, producing a large number of false-positives or false-negatives.</p>

<p><b>if they are feeling sick?</b></p>	
<p><b>For the students in Dale will there be plastic shields on all the desks? Or will some have and some not? Or will they all just be removed?</b></p>	<p>Desk shields will continue to be used in all elementary buildings.</p>
<p><b>Given the method of contact tracing and exposure, with distance apart in classroom reducing - will there be assigned seating at Blake and Dale?</b></p>	<p>Students are assigned seats by individual teachers throughout the district.</p>
<p><b>With more students being in the classroom, will outdoor air supply-ventilation be increased?</b></p> <p><b>How will the school verify that the ventilation is adequate?</b></p> <p><b>Will all school windows be open if at all possible?</b></p> <p><b>In Dale in particular, if other spaces are used, how will you handle ventilation if those area have no windows?</b></p>	<p>As outlined in our <a href="#">2020-2021 Medfield Public Schools Reopening Guide</a>, ventilation is a significant priority in all buildings. Every room is either serviced by a hospital grade HVAC ventilation system OR individual classroom HEPA air purifiers. This is in addition to protocols that require that classroom windows remain open throughout the year.</p> <p>Air quality tests are administered at regular intervals by the district's HVAC consultants and filters are replaced at regularly scheduled intervals. Prior tests indicate that ventilation systems are working properly and will be adequate for increased density within the classrooms.</p>
<p><b>Will teachers have received the vaccine prior to students returning FT?</b></p>	<p>The prioritization of vaccine distribution within the Commonwealth is determined by Governor Baker. On March 2, 2021, President Biden shared his desire that teachers be prioritized in vaccine distribution nationwide. The following day, Governor Baker indicated that teachers</p>

<p><b>When will school teachers be offered vaccinations - will this happen before the district returns to a full in person model?</b></p> <p><b>Please work within the town and beyond to build opportunities for teacher and staff vaccinations. Is there a regional collaboration that could help?</b></p>	<p>and other K-12 education personnel are eligible to receive vaccines as early as March 11, 2021.</p> <p>In response to these pronouncements, CVS announced that K-12 educators are immediately eligible, even though the official window does not open until March 11, 2021. In response, Dr. Marsden informed all Medfield Public Schools employees that although he would continue to work on a district-wide distribution plan, they were encouraged to secure appointments on their own. Moreover, building administration would work with educators to support any absence due to the vaccination. In addition, the district’s nursing staff provided faculty with information on streamlining the vaccination appointment process.</p> <p>As a result of these actions, close to two-thirds of Medfield Public School teachers, administrators, and staff have received their initial vaccinations or secured appointments for the near future. We anticipate this number will grow in the days/weeks to come.</p>
<p><b>Also, in the summer, we were told that any elementary cases would require that the whole class quarantine. This was eliminated when students went back at six feet. Would this requirement apply in the spring or will only those students who sit within six feet of a positive case need to quarantine?</b></p>	<p>Because of the shorter distance between students, there is the possibility that more students will be ‘close contacts’. A ‘close contact’ is still defined as anyone, either masked or unmasked, who has been within 6 feet of an infected individual for at least 15 minutes while the person was infectious.</p> <p>Students determined to be ‘close contacts’ will be contacted by school nursing personnel and must follow <a href="#">Medfield Board of Health quarantine protocols</a>.</p>
<p><b>Will there be defined trigger points be to pull back if cases increase? Will those be shared with the community?</b></p>	<p>As we have all year, we will continue to monitor for in school transmission or clusters of students that are positive. We have discussed this with the Medfield Board of Health and they will also monitor the metrics.</p>

<p><b>How will music and gym classes be handled given the additional requirements to reduce the spread of infection?</b></p>	<p>Orchestra and Band will follow the current <a href="#">Department of Elementary and Secondary Education</a> regarding music instruction. That said, with the weather growing ever warmer, there will be opportunities for band students to receive instruction outside.</p> <p>Similar to Music instruction, Wellness classes will also adhere to <a href="#">Department of Elementary and Secondary guidelines</a>. We anticipate with the onset of Spring, teachers will use every opportunity to hold class outside.</p>
<p><b>Will students have more mask breaks and outside time given they will be in school 5x/week?</b></p>	<p>There will continue to be two mask breaks per day in all school buildings. As has been the practice all year, mask breaks occur outside unless there is inclement weather.</p>
<p><b>Could you have some sort of town wide vote or something to see what the families in Medfield feel more comfortable with, hybrid or full in person?</b></p>	<p>This survey (<i>Return to Full In-Person Survey - February 26-March 4</i>) provided an opportunity for all parents/guardians to provide feedback on the district’s plan to return to full in person instruction. Parent/guardian feedback representing approximately 60% of the student population indicated an overwhelming interest in returning to a full in-person model.</p> <p>Total # of respondents- <b>938</b>  Total # of students- <b>1585</b>  Total # of students opting to return to full in person- <b>1544 (97.41%)</b>  Total # of students opting for full remote- <b>41 (2.59%)</b></p>

**Communication**

<p><b>Will communication go out with more specifics around the details that will be changing? Especially for my youngest in 5th grade, it will be good to give her a quick idea of what to</b></p>	<p>Information will continue to be shared in a variety of ways including school committee meetings and email correspondence. Finalization of in-person plans depends on parent responses to an upcoming survey as well as the result of negotiations with the Medfield Teachers’ Association. We will provide stakeholders the final plan as soon as possible in order to assist parents/guardians with the information they need to support their child/children.</p>
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<p>expect (desk configuration, partition/no partition, sanitizing, mask break, snacks, lunch, recess, specials, group work, any changes to "class rules" etc.)</p>	
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### Other

<p>At this point, is there anything that would prevent full in person?</p>	<p>As demonstrated all year, we meet or exceed state guidelines for safety. At this point, only a significant outbreak could change our full-in person plans and have us revert to a hybrid or remote model.</p>
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### Parent Comments<sup>2</sup>

<p><b>What additional feedback or questions do you have about the return to in person schooling?</b></p>	
	<p>Hope teachers get vaccinated before students go back 5 days a week but I believe students should go back even if just pool testing</p>
	<p>I am happy to drive the kids to any from school if transportation is an issue or is restricted</p>
	<p>My children and I are so excited about this possible return to full in person. We appreciate all the teachers have faced and will face through these many transitions. And hope the governor will reconsider where teachers are in the vaccine priorities.</p>
	<p>Thank you so very much for making in school full time learning a priority for the 2021 year. This has been a year of transition and in school learning will be greatly appreciated by my 3 children.</p>
	<p>Will pooled testing simultaneously continue with full in person?</p>
	<p>Thank you!!! Yay!</p>
	<p>Thank you so much for everyone's hard work this year!!</p>

<sup>2</sup> These comments capture ALL open ended responses within the survey. Major themes were determined from these responses and individual questions were selected to represent the overall theme. These representative questions are answered above.

We are very happy to get our children back to full time in person learning ASAP. Thank you
Our kids will be staying in cohort D as they have been all year. Thank you!
My children really need to get to school. The negative impact of not being in school is a greater concern
It's time to get our kids back. Strong data to support that it's safe!
Is there anyway the High School and Middle school could return to the same time?
I said I would use the bus. However I would drive if it enabled full in person return to school.
Why will full in person model be considered for only a short period before the end of the school year? Will there be changes in scheduling for children that remain in or move to Cohort D? What has changed scientifically to support a change to less than 6ft distancing especially for older students and to allow more children to potentially ride the buses? When will school teachers be offered vaccinations - will this happen before the district returns to a full in person model? When will the recording from the school committee meeting on 11Feb21 be available online?
The numbers need to improve before going full in person - we're at the same levels in Massachusetts that we were in the fall, and yet COVID fatigue, a handful of very vocal individuals, and vaccine excitement is putting pressure to return schools as quickly as possible in the same environment. There is a HUGE difference between 50% and full capacity and best estimates are that kids likely won't be vaccinated for another year.
Thank you for working hard to make this happen!
Return to full in person asap. Kids are suffering being remote so much.
Please work within the town and beyond to build opportunities for teacher and staff vaccinations. Is there a regional collaboration that could help? I imagine teachers needing to register through mass sites and then to actually attend the appointments will be impossible to accomplish given what we are seeing with the rollout currently. If you could regionalize with some other local towns to provide a week long educator clinic you might be able to get access through the state guidelines. The faster our teachers are given the opportunity to be vaccinated, the sooner we can get everyone on the same page. If I can of assistance with this in a way, please be in touch as I have been working with the rollout since January for seniors.
A step in the right direction!!!! AMEN!
Glad it's happening!!!!
___ is already at school 4 days on an IEP
We desperately want our kids back in school 5 days a week.
Not sure if she will take the bus every day or even both ways but would like the option if the bus is available
I was not given a bus route at the beginning of the year. My kids will not be able to attend school in-person without bus transportation and I do not want them moved to Cohort D.
Will there be a bus from Dale Street to Kidsborough (so my daughter can get there after school)? Thank you.
I think that Blake should follow the HS model and not have lunch at school. That is the only part of the day that makes me nervous (unless it is outside). Masks off indoors for any length of time is worrisome - not sure where you would be able to have lunches for 200 kids at once and be 6 feet apart.
When will in person learning happen?

Thank you!!! Looking forward to a return back to our "old" normal!!
Please note that my middle schooler will not need transportation but my 2nd grader will (we live close to the middle school). Although I am concerned about changing many of the variables that have kept hybrid so successful at the same time, I feel that pulling my children from the in-person learning would be detrimental for the last few months of this year. Fingers crossed that all goes smoothly. Please keep reminding folks that the pandemic is not over and that travel and non-masked playdates should be kept to a minimum (ideally not at all).
Given the method of contact tracing and exposure, with distance apart in classroom reducing - will there be assigned seating at Blake and Dale?
Kids need to be mask-free and need to have normal recess and lunch. Blake Middle School environment is not welcoming, scary and not age-appropriate for ALL students, therefore my daughter will remain in Cohort D.
None. Get it going!!!
Question: can we sign up for bus route if not currently using? Thank you
I would like to know more details about the bus proximity. Does this mean 2 per seat? I would like the option for the bus if it seemed safe, but I still will drive sometimes. Thank you! I have no reservations about full time school.
We will be very happy when the kids are back in-school learning and with their friends 5 days a week. Remote learning has not been good for them this past year.
If students have to quarantine and stay home from school in the in-person model, will they be able to access school/learning materials during that period of time?
Will there be MAP and before school Care?
Would be helpful if Blake students can use their lockers if back full time.
Will my child get transportation every day since he takes the bus now
I am thrilled that you are planning to open the schools up full time. Thank you for all the hard work, it's not easy!
My children do not take the bus right now. Will they be able to take the bus for full in person learning?
Thank you to all teachers, staff and administration for all of the additional work required this year!
Why return to school for the last 2 months of the year when vaccinations are still not deployed widely?
Thank you for making this happen! It's essential for our childrens' education, socioemotional development, and overall wellbeing!
We feel that it is imperative that students return to full in person learning.
No
Will they be taking the plastic around the desks away at Wheelock? I would like to see that gone.
Really looking forward to the kids being back. Thank you for all you are doing to make that happen in the safest way possible.
My Senior who is driving my middle schooler also will have Senior Project scheduling so the bus will be needed by our household only As we get closer to the school year's end k

\*\* He would likely not have to take the bus everyday, but we would need the option. Thanks for working hard to make this happen.

What would make schools close due to COVID?

We do not feel comfortable sending the kids full in person, unless we as their parents have been vaccinated

Very pleased and impressed with the Medfield school district thus far during this pandemic. The communication and involvement with parents about their child's education has been impressive and appreciated ! Keep up the outstanding work!

Hi,  
Thank you for giving us the opportunity to participate in this survey.

-Please clarify what would be the distance between children and seat arrangement on the bus.

-We would prefer to continue with the hybrid system at least until phase 3 of Massachusetts' COVID-19 vaccination. This will ensure 50% of our household will be vaccinated before we take additional risks with transitioning to full in-person schedule. The option of transitioning from hybrid to full remote at this stage is not appealing as it would take a mental toll on our children.

Thank you for all of your continued hard work and efforts in keeping our kids learning and both they and our teachers safe!

How will spacing be handled in the halls? Would the school ever entertain the teachers traveling from classroom to classroom and having kids stay with the same small group class cohort in one classroom throughout the day. Also, I'm happy to volunteer my time to help with the return to school. Please don't hesitate to call Thank you!

Can we go back to the kids doing school work and lessons pre-Covid style without the Chromebooks ? This has not worked well for my grade 2 child or my grade 6 child on an IEP.

Thank you for working so hard to get students back to in person learning full time, it's time for this to happen. I appreciate your hard work these past few months, this has been a challenging time for all.

Thank you!!

Please put the kids FIRST and get them back in school 5 days a week as soon as possible.

My answers may change when I better understand the protocols put in place.

Thank you for all of your hard work to make this happen!!!!

Will there be a hybrid model or is it only full in person or cohort D? Also, why is Medfield considering reducing social distancing guidelines to less than 6 feet, when CDC continues to recommend at least 6 feet or greater?

I would like to be able to choose bus primarily but also have the option of driving by car as well thank you!

We appreciate all the time and effort that has gone into this year. We truly believe you've taken it seriously and with our children's health and safety as the priorities. Thank you so much for your commitment to our children, their education, and their health. We are grateful for all of it.

At this time, no further questions. Thank you!

<p>Depending on # of children &amp; spacing on the bus, we may opt out of bussing, but would like to the option.</p> <p>THANK YOU for bringing the children back to Fulltime In-Person!</p>
<p>My children and I are very excited to see the school work towards a fulltime in-person learning mode!! Thank you all for your hard work to make this a success!</p>
<p>Will the buses for elementary schools still be broken by school? Or will they now be by neighborhood and go to multiple schools?</p> <p>On a personal note, it is too much to drive all my kids to school 5 days a week, I can continue the 2-3 days with the hybrid model for this school year, but I have 4 different schools to drop off and pick up at for my 4 children aged 4-12. I recognize the challenge with the buses and want to be flexible but its too much and I'd need the elementary schools buses.</p>
<p>Let's get them back ASAP! Thank you.</p>
<p>We would not like cohort D student:teacher ratios to drastically change as a result of this. Cohort D is going well currently.</p>
<p>Just note I chose no to using the bus, not because of the changes but simply because we don't use it now and will not need to use it in the future. I hope me saying "no" wasn't indicative of any covid related issues. Thank you!</p>
<p>Please bring them back full time!!!!!!!!!!</p>
<p>We selected bus for _____. It would be ideal but not required for him to return full time in person. Thanks</p>
<p>My children are very excited and can't wait for a return at some point! Thank you for all you are doing.</p>
<p>We are thrilled that they will be returning to school full time. thank you!!</p>
<p>Can my children be dropped off at an after school program if their bus already stops at a house next to the program?</p>
<p>We want to thank you all for your incredibly hard work, we are so grateful to have such an amazing district of wonderful hardworking committed teachers and staff!! We would like to additionally express, for the purpose of this survey, that we really wish that the return to school FT was happening after k-12 teachers are able to get their vaccines...I don't think it is safe for the administration or for the children...Just our thoughts...and that if the space will now be fewer than 6ft...these issues would have pushed us into a remote situation if we had previously been hybrid. Thank you all! Stay safe and healthy and THANK YOU!!!!!!</p>
<p>We appreciate the attention to health and safety balanced with the desire to bring students back to in-person school. We are optimistic and excited about this transition.</p>
<p>While the increase in synchronous learning has helped, it doesn't replace in-person learning. Thank you for all of the hard work that has gone into this!</p>
<p>I believe the emotional and academic toll of remote learning cannot be overlooked. For their mental health, I want my children in school full time. I have come to understand, that for our family, that is the highest priority. And it has been demonstrated that children can return to school, during the pandemic, without greatly increasing transmission rates.</p>
<p>Why does the distance range vary from school to school? Why isn't it 3' for all?</p>

I think it is very unlikely for children who have been fully remote for the last 6 months that they will be able to transition efficiently and succeed in the best way possible when coming back full time in person. I think it is unnecessary to force such change for only the next 3 1/2 months

We are so hopeful about this shift back to in person. Thank you for the efforts.

Thank you for all of your hard work!

The communication on positive cases is very helpful. Also, communication on the thinking behind policies and decisions is very useful for all members of the community.

Thank you for again trying to make new guidelines work. We are excited for this day and know teachers will make the best of the right spaces! Thank you.

Bus transportation for my Dale Street student is a necessity as I will also be returning to my office building over the next couple months. Thank you.

Would love to have this start on the earlier of the two dates!

Please get these kids back in full time school! This is what the majority of families want

We are in support of returning full in person!

We are walkers so my middle school and high school student will not use the bus

Looking forward to getting them back in full time. We are comfortable with all of the changes needed for this.

I will not be comfortable sending my child if distance is not more than 3ft apart. If there is any possibility of the indicated 4ft + changing, please advise.

Our only question surrounds how busing will be organized. For example, will Wheelock, Memorial and Dale still all be on the same bus as they were before? Just asking because we wouldn't want the kids on a packed school bus.

Thank you so much for all you are doing! All has gone very well from our perspective.

It would be preferable for us if both of our kids were on the same bus, but completely understand if that's not possible and still separate busses for each school. But it would be great for older sibling to be able to get younger one home. Thank you!

Impact on bus routes and times

Thank you!

We have full faith in our schools and are happy with changes.

Thank you for all the hard work you're doing to make the best of a crazy year!

Definitely would like pool testing at Dale

With more students being in the classroom, will outdoor air supply-ventilation be increased? How will the school verify that the ventilation is adequate?

Will the school be using alternative spaces such as cafeteria? Can you elaborate more if other spaces will be utilized.

In Dale in particular, if other spaces are used, how will you handle ventilation if those areas have no windows?

Can you discuss the cleaning and disinfectant plan

Will orchestra be meeting in person? Curious how that will be handled when kids return.

Thanks so much.

The sooner the better

Fully support full time in person learning

I'm so thankful the kids will be back full time!

Thank you to the MPS staff and administrators for all your efforts during the past year. We really appreciate your efforts.

How will lunch be handled? Will they be eating in their classrooms? How will ART, Music, PE, Spanish work? Will multiple classes be sharing the same space?

Please get the kids back in school!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Looking forward to it!

No additional questions.

When will teachers be vaccinated? Why cannot we wait until they are vaccinated, for all our safety? Is there CDC scientific data showing that the reduction of distancing is safe?

We need to be concerned for the health of the whole community. Kids may still transmit the disease even if they themselves do not suffer from it. If everyone over the age of 13 was vaccinated, then we would know that we had the best chance to resist this virus and could resume everything safely. Political feeling should not outweigh the health and safety of the community. The needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few.

Would be wonderful for the kids to be back in person!

My concern is that we will be missing more in-person days and learning time once we bring our students into closer proximity to each other when we return to a full in-person model. Clarification is needed on protocol when there's a positive COVID case in the classroom. Will the students in the class now be considered close contacts and required to quarantine for 10-14 days? Will they be able to zoom into class during the quarantine period? Zooming into classrooms if quarantined should be the standard

practice across all elementary schools and not left to to the individual building principal or teacher to decide.
I strongly desire for my son to be inperson school 5 days a week
Willing to keep the bus the same and just use on Monday/Tuesday as we currently do
We understand that the current six feet spacing means that there are few "close contacts" in the case of a positive COVID test. We would like to know if we will be informed of a positive test by a classmate who is less than six feet from our daughter, or if you will change the notiification policy to four feet to match the new seating. In other words, will the standards for determing close contacts remain the same as they are today?
So happy! Thank you!
I would prefer to have the option of busing but would drive them if necessary. Thank you for all your hard work!
I was planning to return my child to the hybrid model now that transmission numbers are down. However, the number of children in the classroom does not follow CDC guidance and increases contact numbers and aerosolized particles. I'm disappointed because with new variants that may pose a challenge that Cdc recommendations are being dismissed in favor of a small but loud group of parents.
Traffic considerations for drop off and pick up with all students returning
So glad the kids are going back!!!
Are cohort D students eligible and if so, which classroom would they return to?
We have been satisfied with the hybrid experience and feel comfortable returning in person full time. Thank you!
None - I just want my son back in school full time.
Prioritize getting teachers vaccinated - make double masking mandatory with so many kids in the classroom, even with a 4 ft distance.
Will the start / end time stay the same or will we go back to regular schedule as pre-Covid? I believe it was 8:10-2:25 or something like that
All teachers and staff should be immunized before return to full in person learning.
Please provide more details on bus- is it full capacity? Any limits on #?
Please have them eat outside when at all possible.
We need to get the kids back in school full time asap!
Lets go back to school full time!
Will the before school program be offered once there is a full return to in person schooling?

Feedback: The communication from the district/SC has been underwhelming to say the least. I have found myself getting the majority of my information (right or wrong) from social media groups, especially on facebook. There are some very outspoken parents on both sides of the issues facing return to school, however I truly believe most parents reside more somewhere in the middle. Personally, I am thrilled the students are returning full time in person but I am respectful of all views. Each family and child's experience this past year has been different and there is no easy solution. I am also incredibly appreciative of the hard work and long hours the district and SC members have put in to get us to where we are now. Thank you. I do hope that before the students actually go back full time, communication will go out with more specifics around the details that will be changing. Especially for my youngest in 5th grade, it will be good to give her a quick idea of what to expect (desk configuration, partition/no partition, sanitizing, mask break, snacks, lunch, recess, specials, group work, any changes to "class rules" etc.) For example when the academic IEP students returned 4 days/week in January, there was more of an impact to her class (the integrated one at Dale), however she learned of the changes from her classmates when she went to her in person day on the Thursday after winter break instead of parents getting a brief email ahead of time. Because I don't have a kindergartener or a first grader or an academic IEP student, I wasn't aware until they were already happening that these very positive changes were taking place. So overall feedback - improve and increase communication - and with it transparency - with the entire district.

Question: Regarding the bus, what are the new safety provisions? I have heard one child/seat and I have also heard that the safety provisions from this past fall have been removed thus allowing more than one per seat. This fall/winter the high school sports teams were riding buses with one student per seat. Also I have heard discussion on bus fees... and while I don't have a strong opinion on whether Medfield imposes bus fees in future years, I do feel this school year in the last 2-3 months of school would be unfair especially to those parent who agreed to drive their children this past fall in an effort to give the bus seats to those students whose parents were unable to do that. I have 3 students at 3 different schools with different start and end times and I live on the Medfield/Norfolk line. Driving them to and from school - without a back up option - this year has been a lot and would be a challenge to do 5 days/week. I also wonder if traffic will be a serious problem.

Thank you again for everything you have done to make this full in person return to school a reality!

Thank you for everything you do to support Medfield teachers and students.

What is the spacing between children?  
What is the % occupancy for all buildings?  
What is the bus plan (distance apart)?

Thank you for everything you do.

None

Get the kids back in school

IT CAN'T HAPPEN SOON ENOUGH!!!!!! GET THESE KIDS BACK IN SCHOOL!!!

Can't wait!

We do not feel that the schedule should change until September 2021

just the fact you got it done is tremendous. Thank you so much! The \_\_\_ Family

<p>The sooner the better!</p> <p>Not using MPS transportation because of proximity to school and kids drive and park.</p>
<p>Observing general behavior at the high school age, our students and those around them are safer in school fully masked (where they seem to be more vigilant about keeping their guard up) than they are outside of school socially in the community without masks and letting their guard down.</p>
<p>Please bring kids back full time as soon as you can! My kids need it. Thank you</p>
<p>None</p>
<p>We ABSOLUTELY should be returning to full time in person learning! There are countries all over the world and states in our own country doing this now with no issues. Thank you for making this happen! I believe that it is safe now for everyone involved.</p>
<p>I am happy for the kids to return to school, but the teachers and school staff should be vaccinated.</p>
<p>The sooner the better.</p>
<p>I would like to know if Junior students can keep the parking spots when it's full in-person. If my daughter has to give up the spot, she needs a bus ride, otherwise, she doesn't.</p>
<p>We are hopeful that seniors will get back to school sooner than later so they can enjoy at least a few months together as a class/grade. Thank you for your hard work!</p>
<p>I believe that the kids need to get back to full time in person schooling. Remote schooling has been very difficult on my daughter and has caused her to be depressed and anxious. She is desperate to get back to class, clubs and sports in-person.</p>
<p>How you will manage the 6ft/3ft distancing</p>
<p>Please hurry! These kids need to be back in person, learning and socializing, 5 days a week!!</p>
<p>You have to fix drop off at Blake. With number of cars doubled it will take an hour to get to school in current setup</p>
<p>Can spacing in the HS be reconsidered to be more consistent with lower grades?</p>
<p>The teachers SHOULD be in person. Children, even high school, cannot learn appropriately when they are in the classroom but teachers are teaching from home as with a couple of high school teachers right now.</p>
<p>Good luck!</p>
<p>Can't wait</p>
<p>Looking forward to having the kids back in school fulltime</p>
<p>Thank you for the countless hours of hard work. We really appreciate everyone involved for all the effort.</p>
<p>None</p>
<p>The return should not be delayed any further. Return should be by March 15 at the latest.</p>
<p>My kids are excited to be back in school full days each week.</p>
<p>If you need less kids on the buses I am able to drive Will.</p>
<p>ASAP is needed for the HS kids!!</p>
<p>Thank you for your many efforts to get us to this point of in-person learning.</p>

I would like to see teachers prioritized for vaccination and be vaccinated before students are brought back to school full-time. What will the class sizes be? Is there enough space to have all students back in schools? If a child is out due to the need to quarantine, will remote lessons/synchronous lessons be available?
Will there be any change to traffic patterns within the high school during class changes? It sounds like there is very little social distancing during this time currently even with only half of the population there.
I am thrilled to be moving toward more in person learning for the high school
With the distance between students decreasing, it is especially important to monitor students weekend behavior as well as athletic events. Vaccines for all MPS employees should be our top priority before any changes are made.
Teacher safety should be prioritized. A few more weeks of remote learning to allow for vaccinations is not making a difference to students. School is NOT daycare and the push from community should not be valued above the health of the community.
I don't understand why lunch for the High School is Grab n Go - my daughter is a Senior and in her last semester and I think it's important for her to socialize with her friends, even at a distance - she's missed out on so much already. I also think full in-place learning could have been done safely months ago and for whatever reason the needs of the students were not prioritized.
Thanks for moving to full in person learning as quickly as you can. We believe the distances outlined are sufficient for a safe return.
My bus riders will only need bus after seniors are done with school. ,may/june
Can we get back ASAP!
none
Will pooled testing continue through the end of the school year?
Can't wait
None
as soon as possible, please
Looking forward to kids returning in person 2-12 and teachers getting vaccines.
I'm so happy for the kids!
Excited to get the kids back to school!
Are Wednesdays still half days? what are options for learning at home for the rest of year?
Can't wait for students to return full time! My one question is, if a high school student is in quarantine and/or has COVID, will they have the option to livestream during this time so they can keep on pace during an extended absence? Thank you for working to make this happen!
Go back to Full Time In Person learning NOW!
Thank you!
None

High school bus was twenty minutes late to school at beginning of year and we have been driving our HS student. We want to utilize bus and rely on bus to get to high school on time since both parents work. Middle school bus has been reliable all year.

Can students stay in campus for after school sports? Another challenge is returning to school for fall 2 practice.

We appreciate all the work gone into getting kids back to school safely. Thank you!

Thank you for your work to get the kids back in school!

Thank you for working hard to bring these kids back to in person learning. They are desperate for it! The sooner the better! Thanks.

will drive herself to school, otherwise would use the bus

We are still concerned about the number of close contacts and decreased spacing at the high school, given that this is where the most positive cases are. We very much want our teenager to be able to finish out the year in person and are hoping proper safety measures are being addressed given that the high school is a whole different animal compared to an elementary school classroom. Thank you so very much for all you are doing.

Thank you for all you are doing!

I feel that the kids do need to get back to school. However, I am not so sure that going back to school in April for 7 weeks until the end of the year is worth the risk. It's been a year what's another few months. Start fresh in person for all in the fall with an option for remote cohort D if need be. My kids will go back in person but I am sure a lot will not it is still risky.

I fully support the return to in person learning. It is time for this to happen. A senior in high school should not be "zooming" in from their bedrooms any longer. Thank you for all you are doing in this very trying time.

I hope the kids are able to go back to fully in person

None

My daughter would really benefit from 100% in-person classes. She complains of a painful back, tough online learning processes, lonely days in the house and lack of social interaction with the Medfield peers that she has known since Kindergarten. Depression and anxiety has set in. It's time. Thank you.

Will students have more mask breaks and outside time given they will be in school 5x/week

Will teachers have received the vaccine prior to students returning FT?

Will all school windows be open if at all possible?

My feedback is that this is putting parents who are not comfortable with the 3-4 foot spacing in an impossible situation; who could decide with 3 months left in the academic year to have their student go to Cohort D after having been in the hybrid model all year with 6 ft. Spacing. I know its difficult to please everyone but are we now totally discounting the social distance rules and guidance even with the new strain looming about? Thank you for your efforts and care of our students

Please have the kids go back to in person schooling as soon as possible!!!

I'd be really excited for my kids to return to school full time. At the very least this will prepare them and reacquaint them with being in school full time for a more positive transition back to school for fall 2021 (hopefully). They have lost the motivation for school and fallen out of the routine. They need the school routine back.

Hopefully the pooled testing participation will be helpful and prove to help reduce positive cases at the high school. I'm not 100% comfortable with 3-4 ft between students HOWEVER I think my Freshman would be have more confidence and self advocacy in school with the opportunity to build relationships with his teachers. That's been missing this year with only 2 days of in person learning. It's been a tough transition for him.

We also need a bus available for them with 2 working parents. Thank you for collecting parent feedback!

We fully support as much in-person learning as possible understanding given state and local guidelines push for faculty to be vaccinated please

None

We are in support of a full return not only for academic reasons but for social/emotional reasons as well. However, the health and wellness of our teachers is just as important and should be considered on the same level as the academics and social/emotional well being of our students.

None

Thank you for all you do - remaining hopeful the kids can return to school for the last few weeks/months of their school year.

How fast can we get to full in school? I beg you not to wait until April. We can and need to do this mid March

Given the number of Covid cases in the high school, I personally don't think it's smart to have full time school at this time. 3 feet distance is not sufficient. The hallways will be crowded. We are so close to getting through this, why not wait just a little while longer?

I believe that teachers should get the vaccine before switching to full in-person.

If there starts to show a spike in cases with in-school contacts what will be the threshold before we would return to a hybrid or all remote model? For the students in Dale will there be plastic shields on all the desks? Or will some have and some not? Or will they all just be removed? IMO it would help to keep at least the ones that already have them installed. Would any after school activities be added? Or are we just going to focus on in-person class time? (I hope for your sake just the class time. After school activities would add too many additional variables.)

Will the start and end times remain the same as they are now? Will Wednesdays go back to full school days?

Looking forward to in person return

My additional feedback is simple. Students should be in full in person, all day school now. Every day we delay in going back to a normal school schedule and routine is one more day of long term damage we are inflicting unnecessarily on our children. If towns and schools in other states can have full in person school why can't Medfield? If we can go to the grocery store whenever we want why can't our children attend full in person school? Be brave, step up and do the right thing for our kids, town and society and go back to full time in person school now, don't wait until late March/April. The science supports it.

I'm in favor of bringing back all kids full time as soon as possible and believe teachers should be asked to go back full time in person as well.
Greatly prefer 6 ft whenever possible. Am not comfortable w 3 ft spacing but these options in the survey don't leave us w much of a real choice - most kids would have serious difficulty w transitioning to cohort D this late in the year. Encourage admin to do everything they can to have 6 ft distancing whenever it is at all possible rather than just default to 3 ft bc the guidelines suggest it's ok for schools. I realize the challenges you face but we are very uncomfortable w putting our kids that close to many kids whose families clearly are not following the rules at home when we have been exceedingly careful. Being so close to a vaccine, we hate to take this risk but again don't see that we have much choice. Thanks for all you're doing.
None
I am happy they are returning back to in-person. My kids are even happier!
Please make getting the High School back a priority. It has been emotionally, socially and educationally devastating to them. It's been nearly impossible with the wifi issues, self teaching, etc..., for my freshman to keep up with school work. His grades reflect this. He otherwise has been a bright and successful student.
I am so happy that you are giving our kids the option to return to school full time. Thank you SO much for making this happen. I know it hasn't been easy so just wanted to show my appreciation.
I realize there is a risk of increased covid spreading with kids going back to school full time. However, I think the benefits to the children of going back full time far out weighs the covid risk.
I'm concerned about the distancing that will be used to determine close contacts for quarantine purposes at the HS, ie. If students are only spaced 3-4' apart, but the current 6' guidelines are used for contact tracing purposes.
Let's get this going ASAP:)
The hope is that the staff at building will be vaccinated prior to implementing - don't see this mentioned but feel this should be top priority
When can we start in person schooling?
I am fine with the new bus distances, but would be more fine if students did not eat on the bus. This has been a particular problem on the Middle School bus when there is a half-day and a "grab and go" lunch.
Thank you so much for working to bring our kids back to school. It has been a challenging year for them despite the efforts of the school administration and teachers to make it as beneficial as possible. I know this year could not have been easy for all of you either.
Give seniors their memories- this is a milestone year and they NEED to return ASAP
My responses are assuming that things will continue to get better, and no significant variants introduced.
I am hoping classroom windows will be opened again for better ventilation.
School should start ASAP. April date is too long- there has been ample time to prepare and it is my opinion that kids should be back. I work in healthcare and precautions work -
Will the class sizes change?
I'd like to know more details about how each classroom will be set up, with a detailed chart of each classroom so that we know which our child's room will look like

Teachers should be vaccinated, especially at the MHS level (due to only 3 ft distancing), before a return to in-person schooling.

None at this point

Thank you for your efforts to make this happen.

Thank you so much for getting us to this point, these kids will be so happy back in school 5 days a week!

What criteria will you use for going remote should cases spike?

We are begrudgingly making this decision to send our children back full time at reduced distancing measures. I want to make it clear that in my opinion by rushing back to full time you are putting students and staff at greater risk without question. I think that the Medfield School Administration and Board have done a good job in very tough times - despite the constant criticism of a vocal minority of parents. The State has done a horrible job with guidance when it comes to schools and I believe that much of their focus on getting kids back to school focuses on school systems that have been fully remote - NOT school systems like Medfield. It is also transparently political. The lack of fortitude is sad - the light at the end of the tunnel can be seen, so instead of staying the course, we are cutting corners in an effort to placate complaining parents and needlessly putting students and staff at greater risk. Why is no other area of society (churches, restaurants, offices, etc.) near 100% capacity yet? Schools have lower transmission rates because rules are enforced and social distancing has worked - yet with the finish line in sight we are going to test this for what - a couple more days of in-person learning? Don't get me wrong - we should be moving to full time, in-person - but we should be getting our teachers and staff vaccinated first, we should have a better plan for our high school (and potentially middle school) children who are more vulnerable to actually getting sick from COVID. We have tried several different things this year and quite frankly, none of the "changes" have added much - but maybe temporarily quieted those who complain, but offer no solutions other than "let's pretend that we are not in the middle of a pandemic". I urge caution here, the risks outweigh the rewards at this point. If overall infections go down as vaccination rates go up risks should be much lower by the end of April versus the end of March and so on. If you push on and the bet doesn't pay out, the ramifications for some family within our school system could be deadly.

Nothing additional to discuss.

Full return to school needs to happen ASAP!

Let the kids get back to in person schooling

We are 100% for back in person FULL TIME in the High School!!!! These kids need to return to normal. They are isolated and missing out on in person instruction and a normal high school experience with school events, sports, extracurricular activities!!! Looking forward to it.

None- thanks.

Let's make it happen!

Seems like you are rushing back. Let's wait until all teachers are vaccinated. The COVID cases continue to stay steady and may increase with the variants.

I signed up for my kids to continue to be bused, but I would like clarity around the spacing on the bus. I have read through DESE transportation guidelines and heard at a Medfield school committee meeting that there will only be 1 student per seat maybe a few seats at 2 max. I am concerned about 2 students (not from the same family) in a seat side by side for a 20-30 minute bus ride with out adult supervision. If we are going to have 2 students per seat will there be assigned seating for contact tracing? Also if we go back to an elementary bus for k-5 and a ms/hs bus more siblings could sit together reducing possible

transmission between different families. Please clarify the number of seats on the bus and the max number of students that Medfield will have on a bus so that parents can make an informed decision.
Will the pool testing continue if deemed effective in this initial pilot?
I really appreciate the level of communication from the school district. Thank you.
Not thrilled with the two options. I understand why you need to do this but my son it was going to continue as hybrid for the remainder of the year. Thank you for asking
Will the Dale Street School offer before school care??
No questions. Just a HUGE thank you for all that the MPS staff is doing during these COVID times. My girls are excited to return to in person schooling. THANK YOU!
Thank you for your hard work.
Thank you for all of the hard work that teachers and administrators have been doing to keep our kids safe and learning. You are all greatly appreciated.
I am looking forward to ___ being back in school full time. What is the plan for extra-curriculurs (ie prom, sports, clubs)? Thanks!
We feel like we don't have much of a choice here. We are not comfortable with our children returning full in-person with less than six feet distancing, but if the only other option is to switch to cohort D and no longer have the teachers that they've had all year then we'll reluctantly most likely go with full in-person. We still don't understand why this is happening now when the CDC has cautioned about a premature loosening of restrictions each of the past few days (and we know about Governor Baker's decision, but trust the CDC's medical guidance more). We're also worried about how crowded the elementary school buses will be, especially since those students can be on the bus for a long time (our son who is in Dale Street is on the bus for at least 30 minutes). Thank you for giving us the opportunity to express our opinion.
This is a tough one for me...I feel like it would be a safer idea to stay hybrid through the rest of the year (teachers/parents fully vaccinated, etc.), and then send everyone back in September. I do understand the want/need to get kids back to school.
The answer for bus transportation was 'No' only because my son is a senior and drives himself to school not because we are uncomfortable with the bus.
Will Blake and MHS return to a coordinated schedule?
Thx for all your hard work!!!
Looking forward to all returning to in person learning, the remote model is not optimal for Grade school children and we're losing a lot of them. The earlier we can bring them all back in school safely, the better.
Thank you for all the hours of work, planning and dedication you provided for our children
Time to go back to work folks!
Thanks for all the work you have done to try to make this all work!
Bus election is not based on guidelines rather that I dropped/pickup and she will be licensed soon; I am fine with guidelines otherwise. Thank you!

Are you planning to continue a robust virtual learning program for students who are required to quarantine? Can that be an option for MHS students who may not be comfortable with full in person versus being forced to switch to TECCA?

Also, in the summer, we were told that any elementary cases would require that the whole class quarantine. This was eliminated when students went back at six feet. Would this requirement apply in the spring or will only those students who sit within six feet of a positive case need to quarantine?

Will there be defined trigger points to pull back if cases increase? Will those be shared with the community?

How will music and gym classes be handled given the additional requirements to reduce the spread of infection?

I don't feel comfortable with much less than 6 feet so 3 feet or close to it may change my view.

The sooner kids are back in school full time the better

We are very excited for full in person schooling to resume.

Thank you for continuing to look at ways to make this happen!!

Will Wednesday remain a half day? Our hope would be returning to normal with Wednesday a full day as well.

Just concerns over clean air ventilation with more bodies in the school

Thank you for EVERYTHING you guys are doing!!! It is truly appreciated!

Thank you for bringing the kids back full time soon!

None

We are so thrilled to hear about more in-school learning. Thank you to all of you for working so hard to make this happen! We are so appreciative of all of the teachers and administrators in Medfield!

Thank you for all your hard work to make this possible!

Thrilled about this- my 3rd grader is ready and needs to be back full time with structure and routine and friends! They wear masks, wash their hands and as the weather warms up, more ventilation and outdoor time can be accommodated. This is wonderful to hear and the sooner the better! Regarding the bus, I think it is still beneficial that the transport team considers neighborhood busses by SCHOOL (but same bus and kids on the bus for all 5 days) -- even though that means 2 different busses for my 1 and 3 grader- rather they are not on the same bus as dale students. I also hope they will go back to a full day on Wednesday when they are back- a 5 day full time, consistent schedule is needed. Thank you again- what a year it has been- and know that MPS will do all they can for the social/ emotional that re-entry will have on these kids. My only outstanding question would be - how will "close contact" be now defined (I assume they will be updated) and contact tracing, and what will the updates be on quarantining if "close contacts". Thank you.

Please start as soon as possible :)

Is it possible to return to neighborhood buses so siblings can sit together regardless of the elementary school they attend? Neighborhood children play together regardless of grade and would streamline the length of time working parents are waiting at the bus twice a day.

We are very excited about the return to full in-person school for elementary, thank you for working to make this happen.

We can figure out other transportation if we need to. Neighborhood busses are fine right us.
none-just very excited for the possibility of them going back fulltime
It can't come soon enough :)
I want to extend my gratitude to everyone in our schools devoting countless hours to ensuring a safe return to in-person learning. You are all very much appreciated! Thank you for all that you do every year, and especially this one.
Thank you for working to make this happen safely!
We would prefer to have our child take the bus but could provide our own transportation if that is helpful in terms of allowing a return to full in-person learning.
My sense is that other families feel the same way, but the survey doesn't provide any way to express that specific preference. In other words the survey design may result in the false conclusion that bus transport is the bottleneck when really you're only measuring a mild preference (rather than an actual need) for bus transport among parents who would be willing to forego bus transport in order to return to full in-person learning.
Please send them back full time in March, not the later scenario.
N/A
What happens to the exceptional Cohort C educators?
Thank you for working hard to make this happen!
I would feel more comfortable if the window was consistently open and the children were not allowed to have lunch on the floor sitting without the shields. Thanks! Good progress.
We are so excited! Thank you for all that you do!
Will younger grades (i.e. grade 2 ) be prioritized to return to full inperson learning before older grades? There is a big disparity between grade 2 and grade 12 kids' ability to learn virtually.
No questions. Thank you to all the staff for your hard work this year. I have a very happy 3rd grader in ___'s class.
I would like the teachers/staff/bus drivers to be vaccinated asap.
Can Wednesdays be a regular length school day? Will the start time go back to pre-covid hours?
Will Wednesdays continue to be half days or will we re-work the school calendar?
Does full time mean 5 days/week, or will Wednesdays be remote for cleaning? I am very excited for a full-time return to school (and so are my children!!)
Our son would be a walker.
At this point, is there anything that would prevent full in person?
We are so very grateful for all of the hard work and time that has gone into getting our children back to school in a safe and logical manner for both students and staff. Thank you! You are so appreciated ❤️
My husband and I have full confidence in the decisions being made by Medfield Public School leadership. We believe that all student health and safety is being taken into consideration. We also know that teacher and staff health and safety are being taken into consideration, we would love to see teacher vaccination a priority but this is a larger State issue.

Thank you for all you are doing to support our kiddos during this challenging year!!
Let them go back! Thank you for your help!
Half day Wednesdays are challenging
Will the desks still have shields?
The sooner the better
None, ready to rock and roll!!
Please put pressure on the Governor to vaccinate teachers immediately. We all want kids back to more in-person, but teachers need to be vaccinated first.
While I would like my child to return to school full time and feel safe doing so in current environment, I believe teachers should be prioritized for opportunity to be vaccinated.
Thank you for everything you are doing
None.
Thank you for all the hard work you all have put in! We appreciate all that you do!!
I believe that there needs to be far more communication about what is going on in the schools, and what your plans are for the future. I think that you all are in an impossible situation this school year and there is clearly no system that is going to please everyone. However, most of what I have learned about future plans for the school year is from other community members on social media. I know of many school districts wherein there is a weekly Zoom with updates on what is happening and it is not clear to me why this is not an option (perhaps not weekly but at least monthly?)
I also would like to make clear that I think you are doing an excellent job of balancing safety with education. I have been struck by the absolutist dogma of the most stringent voices in our community this year, and think this is a troubling approach (either the ones who insist that we must all go back to school immediately or the ones who say it will never be safe to go back). The answer, if there is one, is clearly not this simple. I will also add that I am a pulmonary and critical care physician at MGH, so I think that I have a decent perspective on this virus. I feel comfortable with my children going back to school full time, although it does give me pause as I think much of the problem will arise from people who are not taking necessary precautions in their lives outside of school. Based on that, I think messaging should really stress that if we want to have our kids in school full time, we may need to make other sacrifices (not traveling out of state, not eating in crowded restaurants, not having social gatherings in our homes).
Again, I want to thank you for your hard work this year.
Will the school hours remain the same? How much lead time will you provide before making the transition from hybrid to in-person? How will this affect MAP? Will before school care at the elementary schools become available? Will Wednesdays remain half days?
This is great news! Totally on board.
We are so thrilled that our 3rd grader will be returning to fill in person school. We can't wait for this to happen. Thank you! Will Wednesdays remain a half day or now return to a full day?
Thank you! This is such a tough year, thanks for hanging in there!

We greatly appreciate your thoughtful approach to this school year, and were supporters of the hybrid model, and maintenance of 6ft distancing. We are opting for our child to return to school, but have serious reservations about the increased density of classrooms -- however, do not have the capacity, while working full time, to choose cohort D.

Please take the time you need to do this thoroughly and safely and do not succumb the pressure of the loud few who have completely disrespected and disgraced our community. We know you are doing this as fast as you can and as well as you can.

If possible, my 3rd grade child Molly might take the bus if an option.

i can't imagine how tough this is - appreciate all that you are doing for our kids!

Every week there is one or more Covid positive cases of either students or school staff in Medfield Public Schools system. Under the present circumstances, I strongly feel that Medfield Public Schools can go back to full in-person teaching ONLY AFTER all teachers, staff and students get vaccinated. It is upto the MA governor and others involved in vaccination, to get all teachers, school staff and students in MA public schools systems to get vaccinated at earliest so students can go back to in-person learning. Until teachers and students get vaccinated, Medfield Public Schools should not think about full in-person schooling. This is too aggressive and will bring more Covid positive cases if students are forced to go back in-person schooling without vaccination.

Thanks - great work managing challenges - note we would like kids on bus, however can continue to drive iif schools don't have capacity

None

We may not need transportation each day but sometimes. i am not sure that makes a difference for your questions.

thanks for your consideration. We look forward to returning to in person

Any events that can be organized for seniors (e.g. pep rally, senior cruise, prom, etc.) will be greatly appreciated.

Everyone is very excited to be back full time

Totally support all kids back together 5 days a week.  
Especially for the Seniors...they need to be together as a whole class even if for a few weeks.

Thank you!

First thank you. Both our children are asking to return to school. They need the social And emotional interactions combined with real time feedback of the in school learning g environment. If bus is not available all 5 days we can make a part time bus schedule work.

thank you so much for in-person full-time.

Concerned that the reduced distancing won't be as effective in prevention as the current distancing

We think it is premature to return to full in-person learning and wish that there was an option to continue with the current model. Efforts should be focused on full reopening in the Fall for all schools. Ensuring that schools that have not opened yet (in other districts) are opened safely now (hybrid) and maximizing the learning available within a hybrid model. Until a much larger number of adults can be vaccinated, it is not safe for our children, teachers, or families, to relax social distancing measures now.

Keep up with the pool testing

If our child is returning to school 5d/wk, how will she participate in band? Will band be back in school? If our child does not decide to take a bus to/from school, will there be staggered times for drop off and pick up to avoid traffic problems and time wasted?

None

If a child in the High School has to quarantine, will they still have access to zoom in to their classes? This should be a possibility.

Thanks for all the hard work you all are doing !

None, the sooner the better for the "whole" child.

Very excited for the kids to get back, thank you!

I have concerns about spread of Covid at less than 6 feet apart. We have felt like the current hybrid system is working well while keeping the kids safe. For mental health I can't see having my kids stay home all week but feel like I am sacrificing their physical safety for their mental health with this new option. Could you have some sort of town wide vote or something to see what the families in Medfield feel more comfortable with, hybrid or full in person?

In-person schooling is critically important and I am fully in support to have my children learn in school as soon as possible. thank you.

What general student supports are in place for recovery of social skills, social and emotional supports? Will there be after school programs targeting these areas? Has the state/federal government provided additional funding and requirements for these areas?

If the kids cannot be 6 feet apart, will any other safety protocols be added in the school if distance is no longer an option?

Will there be a bus to provide transportation to Kidsborough from the school ?

If students' desks are now less than 6ft, we assume close contact quarantines are now a more likely possibility. Will any live streaming be available for students who are home for a close contact quarantine due to school exposure? Thank you for all that you are doing for our students!!!

Let's get back to in-school learning sooner than later. It's really impacting the kids learning and social skills.

Please provide as much information as possible as to what school will look like to parents prior to returning to full in-person schooling, so that we can communicate that to our children, who may be feeling anxious about returning to school full time. I'd also ask the principals to communicate to parents how this will change schedules and classes (i.e related arts, etc.) Communication about the details of student schedules this year has been nonexistent. Thank you!

Will you add temperature checks before entering the school as one of the mitigation measures or will you just rely on families to not send their children to school if they are feeling sick? We're sending our son back full-time with reservation, but he wants to do so because he says the hybrid model doesn't do justice to what he wants and needs to learn. We parents just hope all the teachers get vaccinated before this plan is implemented because we are concerned about their health and safety, too.

Not comfortable with the Blake model -- 4-5 ft and changing classes so 70+ exposures a day is neither prudent nor necessary. Keeping kids in advisory and looping teachers through is safer than sending the kids to the classes and mix-matching across classes.

What date ? As much as want back in school seems nearly impossible for all

Regardless of the decision to send my students back to school full time, I still have concerns about their safety. It's not a choice I've made without pause.

It is important for our children's education and mental health that we get back to in-person learning.

My concern is the moving around the school as classes release all kids will be in the hallway I have seen this and it is a lot of kids. My choice would be to stay hybrid but that wasn't an option on this survey. it was either in school or cohort d fully remote.

We are not convinced about 5 day school week resuming prior to a significant part of the population not yet vaccinated. The rise of variants, especially in Brazil and Africa, makes this decision very challenging to support. Based on current data, our preference is continuation of 3 days of school every other week and eventually resume 5 day school by end of April or beginning of May, once vaccinations are in available to the general population.

\* Since the distance b/t students is being cut almost in half in some cases, what (if any) additional safety protocols will be implemented?

\* Since both full return dates are within the next month, will full return take place withOUT the majority of teacher vaccinations?

\*\*\*\*If/when there is a confirmed case, what are the guidelines for returning to the in-person learning (14 days or 7 with testing). How will these students access learning during their absence? Will it be REMOTE through Cohort D? or will LiveStream be available?

Thank you for your continued efforts in getting the kids back into the classroom safely!  
My son is dying to get back in to see his teacher (and friends) every day!

Can't happen soon enough.

While we feel it would benefit \_\_\_ to go back full time, we are not sure about safety under the new conditions.