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Update: District Planning Team Meeting #6
July 16, 2020

The District Planning Team held their sixth and final meeting on July 16, 2020 via Zoom. The meeting started with an update on the Transportation Survey that had been sent to parents. The purpose of this survey is to gather specific information about parents who can commit to transporting their students to school during a hybrid learning environment. This information will be sent to Perry Schwarz and Pat Fowler, in the Transportation Department, who will work on bus schedules for the fall.

We are expecting word from the Commissioner of Education regarding the matrix that we hear is coming out. This matrix will outline our options as we look toward the reopening of schools. We have not heard if the matrix will impact Maine schools by county, region, town, zip code or some other method of identifying areas, however we have heard that it will be based on weekly COVID-19 data, meaning that the situation could change from week to week. **Originally, we heard the Governor and the Commissioner will be holding a press conference on Friday, July 17 at 1 PM, however recently we heard that the time has been changed to 2 PM.**

The Planning Team continued to work on the draft Employee Return to Work Document and the draft Parent/Student Handbooks that will be released upon completion. Included in the Parent/Student Handbook is a description of methods of communication that can be used by parents for various needs. The discussion also included the topic of communication with staff. It was determined that staff would be notified of important information via email and that a text would go out to alert them to the email.

I would like to thank the members of the District Planning Team for their time, and for their important input into district procedures. Moving forward, school administration and teams will begin planning the details for the various plans in order to be ready for implementation in the fall. District administrators will continue to meet throughout the summer to continue to revise and refine plans, as well and to communicate ideas from school to school. Plans for the fall educational experience and the revised School Calendar will be presented to the Cape Elizabeth School Department at the School Board meeting on July 28, 2020 via Zoom.

The video of this District Planning Meeting is available to view on the school department's YouTube Channel, [click here to view the recording](#).

Again, thank you to the District Planning Team and the District Administrators for the many hours you have spent working on these plans.

Stay well,

Donna

