

Return to Learn Board Updates

July 22, 2020

Our Goal for this Fall

Our goal for the fall is to safely bring back as many students as possible to in-person school settings, to maximize learning and address our students' holistic needs.

Our Knowns:

A Caring school community dedicated to excellence.

Health & Safety must come first! We can put into practice DOE and CDC recommendations that mitigate the risks.

We are technology “rich” and must leverage this to provide opportunities to ALL students.

Everyone has been affected by this pandemic in some way.

This is an opportunity to look closely at how best to use resources and multi-tiered systems of support (MTSS) to maximize student success in all areas.

Limited support financially - CARES funding (Application process) & CRF (Corona Relief Fund)

Who is involved?

Command (steering) Team

Pillar 1 - Basic Needs (Transportation, Food Service, Facilities) - 9 Members

Tina Brackley

Pillar 2 - Technology (Connectivity, Devices, PD needs) - 6 Members

Diane MacGregor

Pillar 3 - Social Emotional Learning/Wellbeing - 23 Members

Dr. Kristen Levesque

Pillar 4 - Academic Needs (3 learning scenarios) - 25 Members

Jeff Boston

All teams consist of Administrators, Teaching staff, Managers/Directors & Board Members

What are we preparing for?

Plans for 3 Scenarios

Fully in Person (Green)

Hybrid (Yellow)

Fully Remote (Red)

Determined by Health metrics that are monitored by the DOE and the Maine CDC

Updated every 2 weeks (Not yet available)

Designation will be regional

Requirements from DOE & Maine CDC:

- Daily screening process for all students and staff
- Physical distancing
 - Adults 6 ft at all times, students no less than 3 ft
 - Medical Isolation room for suspected Covid 19 cases
 - No space can exceed Governors size limit mandates (50 at this time)
 - Must be 6 ft at meal time for all (breakfast & lunch)
- Hand Hygiene training and expectations
- Face coverings for all students and staff (Mask breaks must be planned)
- Personal Protective Equipment and cleaning capacity
- Protocols for return to work after illness
- All of the above from the DOE Framework for Returning to Classroom Instruction
<https://www.maine.gov/doe/framework/part-1>
- Maine CDC site: <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/epi/airborne/coronavirus/index.shtml>

Other work that is in progress:

Weekly Subcommittee (Pillar) meetings

Parent Survey (416 responses at last check) - Open until Tuesday, July 28

Staff Survey (139 reponses at last check) - Open until Monday, July 27

Planned Zoom Town Hall planning for first week of August

Special Meeting of the board 2nd week of August? (Wednesday the 12th)

Continued meetings with DOE and area Superintendents

Staff Handbook to this specific situation (Covid 19 Guidelines)

Other Considerations:

Staff return on Wednesday August 26th

Students return August 31st

Regional discussion of Student return date of Tuesday, Sept. 8th

- 1) Need Board approval for this (Not looking for approval tonight)
- 2) Time to make sure everything is in place and teacher trainings needed
- 3) CATC consideration
- 4) State waiver for student days expected (4 days for us)
- 5) Ensure best possible transition back to school as possible

Question and Answer period