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Dear Granby Public Schools' Community:

We want to thank you for your continued support and understanding as we plan to return to the Granby Public Schools in the fall with **safety, equity, and academic excellence for our students and staff.**

As you are aware, following the submission of reopening plans from districts across the state, Governor Lamont held a press conference in which he and the Commissioner of Education stated that local districts would have more "flexibility" with how districts return to school in the fall than originally indicated. We have been able to establish that this "flexibility" means districts will have the ability to respond to the needs of their communities in determining how to return to school in-person.

In considering what is best for our community, we have been consulting with our local health officials and area Superintendents, and will be making a recommendation to the Granby Board of Education to begin the school year with a 2- to 3-week transitional period using a hybrid schedule. This means half of our student population will be attending school in person each day during this time. Students will utilize their hybrid assignment of maroon or gold to attend school. Assignments and schedules will be shared by principals in the next week or so. The recommendation will be made next Monday, August 10, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at a Special Board of Education Meeting in the Granby Memorial High School Auditorium.

This supported transition will allow for students and staff to practice and reinforce all of the health and safety protocols in smaller group settings which we have put in place. During this time, teachers will work to establish their classroom communities and build social-emotional learning into their daily instruction to ease the transition back to school after an extended closure. At home during this time, student work will involve preparation and practice for in-person days as well as skill-building activities aligned to curriculum standards. We will be carefully monitoring the success of our protocols and processes and the health of our students, staff, and community at large.

Below we have listed tentative dates for a full return:

Kelly Lane Primary School: Wednesday, September 16, 2020
Wells Road Intermediate School: Wednesday, September 16, 2020
Granby Memorial Middle School: Monday, September 21, 2020
Granby Memorial High School: Monday, September 21, 2020

**** It is important to note that these dates are subject to change based on current health metrics and preparedness at the time.**

It has always been our goal to keep you updated and as well informed as possible in this ever evolving situation. We ask that you consider the information we are sharing with you today as you respond to the back-to-school intentions questionnaire by Thursday August 6, 2020 which was sent out last week by your school principal. If for any reason you need to update information that has already been shared, you can resubmit the questionnaire and we will take the most recent response.

For more information regarding the return to school you can go to the [Stronger Together: A Working Plan for a Responsive Return to the Granby Public Schools](#) website.

As always, thank you for your support and partnership as we work to return to the Granby Public Schools.

Respectfully,



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