Academics:

Q. What will be the schedule for kids going to the tech center?
   A. Students attending WCTC, will attend based on the MVHS schedule. In addition, a student may attend WCTC during their “off” session from MVHS. (EX...An AM Cohort student would attend WCTC during their scheduled periods in the AM, but may also attend in the PM if they wish and transportation is not an issue.

Q. When will a distance learning plan be announced?
   A. Once we have settled on the “in-person” model, we will be able to finalize the remote learning plan.

Q. Can families decide to send their students to school less than four days a week and use distance learning the remainder of the time?
   A. At this time we are asking families to commit to either the “in-person” education model or the “distance learning model” so that we can plan accordingly. We will work with families if there are circumstances that need to be addressed.

Q. How easily will students be able to switch from distance learning to attending school and vice versa?
   A. We are asking families to commit to one method or the other for the first month of school and then changes may be made as needed.

Q. Will students receive instruction in arts- chorus, music, band, art?
   A. At the high school level students will be attending classes per their schedule; classes will be held outside when possible. At the K-8 level, we are doing our best to include these in the schedule.

Q. What will music instruction look like? How will students who play wind and brass instruments, or the Chamber singers be able to practice?
   A. Elementary music will concentrate on rhythm, movement, and percussion. Music appreciation will also be explored. We will follow CDC recommendations around instrumental and Chamber singers practice. More specifics will be made available once school starts.

Q. What platforms will the school be using?
   A. Google Classroom (grades 3-12) or SeeSaw (K-2). Younger classrooms may also use Class DoJo supplementally. Zoom will be our platform for live lessons, meetings, etc.

Q. If we move into level Red, will teachers continue to have access to their classrooms to provide instruction and have access to materials?
   A. Yes, teachers will have access to materials and resources as needed.

Facilities/Transportation:
Q. How will the buses/vans be cleaned?
   A. We will use a protective layer of spray omnishield (approved by CDC) which kills on contact for up to 90 days. Drivers will also use Ozone water (chemical free) to disinfect and clean high touch points. This will be done in between bus runs. Hand sanitizer will be available on every vehicle and students will be required to use it before boarding and on departure.

Q. What chemicals are used for cleaning classrooms, bathrooms, transportation, etc.?
   A. All chemicals used by RSU#3 are approved by the CDC and are safe to use around staff/children.

Q. Will there be monitors on the bus to allow the driver to focus on driving, not mask adherence?
   A. At this time, we do not plan to have monitors on the bus, based upon the number of people needing to ride on a bus. We will re-evaluate each situation/route as needed.

Q. Who will be handing out a mask on the bus if a child does not have a mask?
   A. The drivers will have masks available, as students will not be permitted onto the bus without a mask.

Q. Will playground equipment be cleaned between uses?
   A. Based on CDC recommendations, students will use hand sanitizer/hand washing before and after use of equipment. High touch areas will be cleaned and sanitized regularly.

Q. Will the plastic shields around transportation drivers be safe if the bus/van were to be in an accident?
   A. Yes.

Q. Will bus routes take more or less time than past years?
   A. We are continuing to work on bus routes to minimize time on the buses. We do not anticipate the time being longer than previous years.

Extracurricular:
Q. If there will be am and pm cohorts, how will the am cohorts get back to school for extracurricular activities/athletics in the afternoon?
   A. We are exploring the option for those who don’t have transportation to stay at school.

Student Support:
Q. What screening tool will be used for assessing social and emotional needs?
   A. BASC- BESS - as our screening tool - Electronic version

Q. What will the consequences be if a student does not wear a mask?
   A. Wearing a mask is a state requirement. Students not wearing a mask will be disciplined accordingly. Student repeat offenders will be asked to participate in remote learning.

Q. How will the administration address multiple instances of not having a mask?
A. **Wearing a mask is a state requirement. Students not wearing a mask will be disciplined accordingly. Student repeat offenders will be asked to participate in remote learning.**

Q. **What level of nonattendance would be considered reportable as educational negligence?**
   
   A. **We will follow the Maine DOE guidelines regarding attendance and work with families for supporting student attendance.**

Q. **Will RSU 3 provide a standard operating procedure that will address nonattendance to staff and the public?**
   
   A. **Yes, we will provide this information prior to the start of the school year.**

Q. **If the state has waived attendance and hour requirements- what is the basis that RSU 3 is using as an expectation for attendance?**
   
   A. **Students will be expected to be in attendance each of their scheduled times, including remote learning, unless other arrangements have been made through the school office.**

Q. **What procedure will be in place for students that need to leave the classroom for behavior management?**
   
   A. **School administrators will develop procedures, within CDC and DOE guidelines, to address student behaviors.**

Q. **What resources will be available for families with limited internet access or a lack of devices to complete the distance learning?**
   
   A. **Please inform your child’s school if you lack internet access and/or an internet-ready device. The district will work with families as needed.**

Q. **Can the funds from CARES Act and Title 1 be used to buy additional materials for the classrooms, i.e., crayons, pencils, books, and other learning materials?**
   
   A. **Materials and supplies deemed necessary to cope with COVID related changes can be funded by the CARES Act.**

Q. **Will the libraries be available for students?**
   
   A. **Yes, each school will develop a procedure for student access to library resources.**

Q. **What procedures will be utilized for borrowed materials?**
   
   A. **Borrowed materials will be processed and handled following CDC guidelines for sanitation.**

**Staff Support:**

Q. **Has additional cleaning staff been hired?**
   
   A. **We are reviewing our needs and current staffing capacity and will hire additional staff if needed.**

Q. **How many substitute staff are available for drivers, teachers, and support staff?**
   
   A. **We are continuously advertising for substitutes in all categories.**

Q. **What if a driver cannot accommodate the schedules outlined and need to have the middle of the day off as they have had in previous years?**
   
   A. **Drivers will have to work with their supervisor to discuss this.**
Q. Will the change in driver schedules/school schedule allow for enough hours for staff to continue to be eligible for health insurance and/or retirement plans?
A. We do not anticipate a reduction in employee hours at this time.

Q. What will the consequences be if a staff member does not wear a mask?
A. Wearing a face covering is a state requirement. Staff non-compliance will be handled on an individual basis, including disciplinary action.

Q. What options will be available for staff members that are high risk and medically advised that they should not work within the school setting?
A. Staff who have been medically advised not to return to the school setting should contact Central Office, as soon as possible.

Q. What job vacancies are open or anticipated to be needed?
A. We are reviewing our needs and current staffing capacity and will hire additional staff if needed.

Q. Will RSU 3 consider hiring students to help perform some of the cleaning duties?
A. RSU 3 will discuss this with the administration.

Q. Do teachers have the equipment and materials to provide high-quality online lessons?
A. All staff will be provided professional development and resources for providing high-quality, rigorous learning experiences remotely. We are also researching other resources to support online learning.

Q. What training is available for staff to continue to develop their abilities to teach online coursework?
A. Training for online teaching programs and methods (Google Classroom, The Flipped Classroom) will be offered to staff during our multiple in-service days in August. We will also continue to support professional learning throughout the school year to meet the needs of our students and staff.

Health/Wellness:
Q. If a parent does not arrive within 1 hour of being notified, their child is showing symptoms, what will happen?
A. We will do our best to support families, but we are asking that all families have two additional emergency contacts that would be available. We may recommend remote learning if need be.

Q. If a child has symptoms, and they have siblings also in school, will all the children be put into isolation until a parent/guardian can pick them up?
A. No, the siblings will only be isolated if they have symptoms as well. If the child tests positive, siblings will have to quarantine at home.

Q. If a student with a license has symptoms, will they be able to drive themselves home?
A. Yes, with permission from the guardian.

Q. If a child with symptoms has an older sibling that has their own transportation, will the older student be excused to bring their sibling home?
A. Yes, with permission from the guardian, if an adult is not available to pick them up.
Q. If parents/guardians do not have their transportation, will the school provide transportation to a child that is exhibiting symptoms?

A. *We are continuing to review the best way to support families without transportation. We consider the safety of our students and staff a top priority, and it is imperative that a student exhibiting symptoms be dismissed from school as soon as possible.*