

AGENDA
Maynard School Committee Meeting
Thursday, September 3, 2020, 7:00 pm
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Remote Meeting

Posted at Town Hall
9/1/20 at 11:01 am

(The School Committee may vote on all items listed on this agenda)

Pursuant to Gov. Baker's Executive Order dated March 12, 2020, suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A sec. 20, the School Committee has modified meeting procedures to ensure the safety of all participants. The public will not be allowed to physically access this School Committee meeting; video and audio will be turned off for the public. This meeting will be held via a virtual meeting (internet) using Zoom Technology.

All members of the public are invited to join the meeting virtually either by computer (internet) or phone at:

Computer Option: Join Zoom Meeting (video) <https://zo.om.us/j/91572875882> Password: SC2020

Choose to use Computer Audio, or join by phone at the number below:

Phone Option: 1-646-558-8656 Meeting ID: 915 7287 5882 Password: 768250

View further instructions here: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-Joining-a-Meeting>

Meeting materials will be found on the website under School Committee - Agenda or <https://bit.ly/2XiCS4b>

NOTE: We will accept Citizens' Comments by email only to comments4SCmeeting@maynard.k12.ma.us.

You must state in the subject line, "Citizens' Comment to be Read" and it should be emailed before 8:00 pm or the time that agenda item takes place. Citizens' Comments will be read out loud by the Chair and will also be memorialized within public records and meeting minutes. **Please see the attached Citizens Comments guidelines for full details.**

MGL 30A, Sec.20:(f) After notifying the chair of the public body, any person may make a video or audio recording of an open session of a meeting of a public body or may transmit the meeting through any medium, subject to reasonable requirements of the chair as to the number, placement, and operation of equipment used so as not to interfere with the conduct of the meeting. At the beginning of the meeting, the chair shall inform other attendees of any recordings.

- I. Call to order - roll call of Committee members
- II. Approval of Minutes (5 min; D/VR)
- III. Approval of Warrant (5 min; D/VR)
- IV. Citizens' Comments (15 min; IO)
- V. Superintendent's Report (20 min)
 - a. Remote Learning Updates (D/IO)
 - b. Director of Building Operations/MOU update (IO)
 - c. Opening for Teachers (IO)
- VI. Chairperson's Report (10 min; IO)
- VII. Fall Sports (30 min; P/D/VR)
- VIII. Subcommittee Reports
 - a. Policy Subcommittee (30 min; D/VR)
 - BEDB-E - Agenda Format
 - EEAE - School Bus Safety Programs
 - EEAG - Student Transportation in Private Vehicles;
 - JLCC - Communicable Diseases
 - EBC - Emergency Plans
 - EEAEC - Student Conduct on School Buses
 - b. Budget Subcommittee (10 min; IO)
 - c. Negotiation Subcommittee (10 Min; IO)
- IX. **Executive Session under MGL; CH30A; § 21(a)(3)** To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with unions for reopening the school year remotely, since an open meeting will have a detrimental effect on the bargaining of the public body and the chair so declares. The subcommittee will not reconvene in open session.
- X. Adjournment via Roll Call

*IO [Info Only], P [Presentation], D [Discussion], or VR [Vote Required]

Chairperson: Lydia Clancy
Posted by: Colleen Andrade
Date: 9/1/20

Maynard School Committee Virtual Meeting Public Comment Guidelines

Here are the general rules for the Committee's public comment period:

1. Any citizen wishing to make a comment during a virtual meeting may do so by:
 - a. Emailing comments in advance and up until the Citizens' Comments agenda item to comments4SCmeeting@maynard.k12.ma.us. **You must state in the subject line "Public Comment"** and include your first and last name and home address or position in the Maynard Public Schools to ensure your comment can be read.
 - b. Please be sure to read the guidelines below in #3.
2. Any citizen wishing to comment for a virtual public meeting shall follow these guidelines:
 - a. All public comments are limited to 3 minutes, to ensure that everyone who wishes to comment has the opportunity to be heard.
 - i. Comments read by the Chair will only be read for 3 minutes. If the submitted comments are longer, they will be cut off at the 3-minute mark.
 - ii. To ensure that all the comments are read in their entirety, it is suggested that you keep them to approximately 350 words. Submitted messages longer than 350 words will be submitted for public record regardless.
 - b. No citizen may comment more than once without permission of the Chair. As time allows, the Chair could consider allowing citizens to comment a second time, especially if it is related to a topic that has not yet been brought up.
 - i. Note that citizens can submit any additional comment(s) for the public record, by providing a copy to the Chair via email up until the end of the meeting, specifically stating their desire to have these additional comments included.
3. Please be aware that the Citizens' Comments agenda item is a devoted time for the school committee to hear from the citizenry. As such, its structure primarily supports unidirectional public recording of citizen's comments, rather than a bidirectional conversation.

Presentation to School Committee

Sports is an integral part of the high school experience for many students and athletes and the benefits of playing sports at the high school level have been well documented. So it is my opinion that if we as a school can offer some form of athletics to our students safely, then it is something we should try to do. It will in no way be easy, but worthwhile.

Overall

That state placed sports into different levels of risk. High risk level sports included football, basketball and wrestling. Moderate risk sports would include Soccer, Field Hockey, baseball, softball. Low risk sports would be golf, tennis and cross-country. These risk levels determine which sports we can play and not play safely. As of right now in MA no high risk sports can have competitions and moderate risk sports must alter gameplay to have competitions with other teams.

Schedule for sports

MIAA has created a 4 season cycle which is Fall, Winter, Fall 2, Spring. For sports they deem too high risk to play in the fall or winter can be pushed to the Fall 2 season. By doing this those high risk sports may be able to play if the threat of the Covid is reduced by then, which everyone is hopeful for.

Schedule for Maynard

For our fall sports that means we can move ahead with playing soccer, field hockey, golf and cross-country with modifications. This does leave football being pushed back to the Fall 2 season for now.

To help those sports that got pushed to the fall 2 season the mid-watch is allowing those sports to have limited practices in the fall to keep kids active. MIAA guidelines stated all coaches can work with all students outside of their season but we felt as a league that this would put stress on students forced to make decisions between two beloved sports.

The school committee could choose to simply push all fall sports to the fall 2 season but I feel we might risk not having those seasons at all if the situation is worse where we can try to have them now safely.

Disappointingly, the Mid-Watch league has voted to not have middle school sports and they have been cancelled for the fall season. For us this includes soccer. Hopefully the kids can find other ways to play soccer or join a different sport for one season. Field Hockey and XC accepts kids grades 7 and up.

Safety Measures

The school will take many safety measures to make sure the athlete's remain safe. The measures will be applied on a school level and on an individual sport level. There may be too many details to get into here but let's look at the most obvious ones.

School Level

- We will be changing the schedule so that we will be playing teams in a pod that is close to us geographically. These pods haven't been confirmed because some schools are also still waiting on school committee votes. But schools like Hudson and AMSA would be likely opponents. This will cut down on bus costs and exposure time for kids riding the bus for away games and meets.
- Away squads will be limited to just 22 athlete's. That will keep the amount of kids on the bus at a limited level. I would even suggest that parents take kids to games to reduce that level further so we may only have 10-15 kids on the bus. Masks on the entire time and windows down.
- Athlete health checks before every practice and game. They will need to fill out a form that says they do not feel sick that day, and this also gives us names of who attended each day, so with the case that someone does get covid we will be able to contact trace quickly and accurately.
- Limited spectators. Mid-Watch will be offering 2 lanyards to each player that can be given to family members to watch their games. There are limitations to only 50 spectators and this will help us manage that number. There may ultimately be some adjustments to this set-up but the league is still looking at ways to help manage fans.
- No athlete's are allowed in the school.
- There will be sanitation stations set-up that will have hand sanitizer, wipes and other items to help when teams arrive and need to use them. We will also require all of our athletes to have a singular bag with their equipment, personal hand sanitizer, water bottle that can't be used by anyone else.
- If any team that is from a community that is red on the community level data map will have their seasons ended for fall. So as of now Framingham is red so they can not have fall sports. Hudson and Marlborough are currently yellow and are ok to play but if they turn red then we lose that match against them.

Sport Level

Soccer

- No time outs
- Yellow card if athletes on benches are too close or being unsafe
- Soccer balls sprayed or washed down with approved disinfecting products. Between each quarter.
- No headballs
- No touching of an opponent on purpose
- No throw-in but kick-ins

Field Hockey

- Number of players on field - 7 v 7 (must have goalie)
- No penalty corners - fouls in circle would be 25 yd. hits
- Free Hits - all players must be 5 yards away
- No bully's - it will be alternating possession

Cross-Country

- Staggered Starting Lines with waves of runners of 8-10 runners per wave.
- Masks worn at start and finish line, can remove while racing if away from other runners
- Separate starting runners by 6 feet and by team

Golf

- Social Distancing
- 10 minutes between each group
- No exchanging of score cards

There are other rules but those are the big changes.

Conclusion

With all of the rules listed I believe we can keep the kids safe but still participate in sports. It will look a lot different than other years. There are no tournaments, no champions, just kids getting out on the field and competing and being active. This year is truly about playing the sport and the love of the competition.

Fall Sports Questions

It is the belief that if we can have sports safely that we should try to have sports. The benefit to the kids, school and community is worth the effort that is involved. As the AD I will make sure that all students and coaches are aware of how to be safe and they are following all rules set forth but the MIAA and the State.

This will look nothing like it did years past. The primarily goal is to get the kids on the field and practicing with some games. Far less games, all contests will be close by, no championships.

MIAA released information with my notes

The MIAA Covid-19 Task Force recommends the MIAA Board of Directors adopt **September 18, 2020** as the start date to the fall athletic season.

The MIAA Covid-19 Task Force recommends the MIAA Board of Directors endorse the general health and safety protocols and practices developed by the MIAA Sports Medicine Committee.

Sept 18th – Nov. 20th - Fall Sports- B/G Soccer, B/G Cross Country, Field Hockey, Golf,

Nov. 30th - Feb. 21st - Winter Sports- B/G Basketball, B/G Hockey,

Feb. 22nd - April 25th - Fall Sports II (“Floating Season”)- Football, Fall Cheer, sports not played in fall season because of remote learning model/other •

April 26th - July 3rd - Spring Sports- Baseball, Softball, B/G/U Outdoor Track & Field

MIAA Covid-19 Task Force shares finalized **fall sport modifications** by Friday, August 28 with MIAA President and Executive Director for final consideration and action by Tuesday, **September 1.**

Straight forward. Have to wait to hear what the directions will be. I expect face masks while playing.

The MIAA Covid-19 Task Force recommends the MIAA Board of Directors encourage schools to create a fall season schedule within leagues, or geographic regions to limit travel and number of opponents.

We are currently creating pods where teams will just play teams that are in close proximity to each other. Right now our pod contains Assabet, AMSA, Keefe Tech, Marlboro, Hudson, Marlborough. This may change as schools cancel seasons.

The MIAA Covid-19 Task Force recommends the MIAA Board of Directors eliminate MIAA sponsored post season tournaments for the fall 2020 season.

No fall postseason tournaments sponsored by MIAA.

The MIAA Covid-19 Task Force recommends the MIAA Board of Directors allow out of season coaching from September 18th, 2020 through July 3rd, 2021, as approved by the member school principal.

The league voted to limit out of season coaching because of safety concerns. We are still coming up with a plan but we approved any sport that is being pushed to the fall2 season (floating season) can have limited practice in the fall. The feeling is there is a good chance they might not even get that season later in the year so at least here kids can still get together and practice (with football limited to no pads, social distance practices.)

The MIAA Covid-19 Task Force recommends the MIAA Board of Directors requires member schools to report to the MIAA and their scheduled opponents if their designation according to public health metrics requires them to cease play.

If any team we are set to go against becomes red then those games get cancelled within 24 hours. If we become red then our season is over. Good motivation to make sure kids follow instructions about socially distancing.

The MIAA Covid-19 Task Force recommends the MIAA Board of Directors charge the Executive Staff with the task of creating professional learning opportunities for school staff and game officials related to return to play modifications, health and safety protocols, planning and implementing practices, facilities usage and management and event management. In addition, the MIAA Covid-19 Task Force recommends the Executive Staff develop and implement a communication strategy to educate student-athletes and their parents on what sports will look like this fall and the general public health and safety guidelines related to Covid-19 and athletic participation.

The school Admin will need to create a document that will be released to students and parents describing what the sport season will look like. Coaches will meet with me as we go over the sport specific details and how they should approach the kids with the first practice on rules that need to be followed. Open communication from there with any questions.

The MIAA Covid-19 Task Force recommends the MIAA Board of Directors set aside time on their October 29, 2020 meeting agenda to consider the recommendations from the MIAA Covid-19 Task Force regarding the next season of play.

Winter season will not be determined until they meet in the future. They are taking this season by season.

Motion: Any school that has their fall 1 season cut short due to COVID-19 designation may bring a request to their District Athletic Committee (DAC) to allow for that sport to take place during the fall 1 season.

School loses their season part way in could have another season in the Fall 2 season. Now if most schools had a season this will be hard to find opponents, but might be a viable option.

Allow for student-athletes to participate in all four sport seasons during the 2020-2021 school year.

District Questions

Why are some team sports being allowed to take place this Fall (soccer, field hockey) vs others. I understand golf and cross country because of the individuality of those sports.

We are following the MIAA rules that decided that only low and moderate risk sports can participate in the fall season. They pushed football and a few other sports to a new season we call Fall 2. This is a floating season where any sport cancelled in fall or winter can play in fall 2 if the conditions permit it. Even sports that had half a season before being cancelled can resume in fall 2 if there are enough teams to play.

What will football, cheerleading, basketball practice look like to keep students safe?

MIAA will be putting out rules for how games and practices will look like which will come out September 1st. They are taking it season by season for putting out rules. Some guidance will be wearing masks during practice if you can't socially distance, coaches are required to wear a mask the whole time, drills and non-contact practices.

Can we have students sign a type of contract that states that if a student exposes other students to COVID, they will not be allowed participate in the rest of the season (ie basketball practice that turns in the actual playing season later in the year). Based on past experience (ie parties taking place where students have been exposed), they should be held responsible for bad decisions that will put others at risk)

We can add in an addition to the student athletic handbook that addresses this. If they are seen not socially distancing or involved in activity that has more people than the state rules they will be removed from sports for the remainder of the season.

In as much as the football/cheerleading/basketball teams may be practicing in the fall and actually participating in one of the floating seasons, will it result in the district paying the coaches more money or do they receive the same stipend regardless of how the season is split up?

The will suggest that the coaches stipend not change for the year. The season they actually coach is already reduced in time and games. Adding in a handful of practices should not change how much we pay them. I can adjust this if the district feels strongly for paying them more. We could go with a club stipend for the out of season coaching.

Will there be enough teams to actually compete?

Yes. We will not go against the same teams we typically go against but against teams that are located geographically near us. They are in the same district and the AD are still working with their districts to get approvals to have seasons. So far it seems most districts are on board with teams playing in the fall. We will watch this closely and if most teams near us decide not to have a season we will need to decide to switch with them to fall 2. Not likely to happen.

What added expenses will be reflected as a result of participating in these sports (ie bus transportation based on the protocols of only 25 students/bus)

I believe the over-all costs will likely drop, but how much will likely depend on many factors. Right now we will be removing middle school sports for fall so busing and coaching costs will be reduced there. We will have geographical games and meets so bus cost will drop without us travelling to far away places like Murdock. We will have less away games so costs will drop and with less games over-all there will be less cost for officials.

Will we be charging our students the normal Activity Fee?

School Committee would approve any changes to activity fees but it is my suggestion that we keep them where they are but be open to process refunds to parents if their season gets cancelled and they will not be joining any other clubs.

Additional Information

Middle School Sports

Strict middle school programs for the fall were cancelled by the league. Teams that participated in 7-12 can continue to fill in Varsity and JV slots. This affects soccer this fall.

Physicals

Physicals are required to play sports this year like any other year. While schools can accept kids without physicals sports will not.

Buses

To limit bus costs we will limit travel teams in size so you do not have to go beyond getting a single bus to any event. This is still to be determined but with Field Hockey and Soccer the number will be close to 22. XC might be 10 boys and 10 girls. This might change depending if the league lets parents take their children to games. I will bring this up in the AD meetings. I would like to have more kids than less participate. Either way we don't go over 1 bus per team and gender.

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NEW BEDB-E AGENDA FORMAT

At regular meetings, the following will be the customary order of business:

1. Call to order - roll call of Committee members
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Approval of Warrant(s)
4. Citizens' Comments
5. Student Representative's Report
6. Superintendent's Report
7. Chair's Report
8. Subcommittees' Reports
9. Adjournment

Each agenda item will be noted with its respective time allotment (in minutes) and business procedure code(s). Any items requiring a vote will be listed under its appropriate heading.

Business codes: IO - Information Only, P - Presentation, D - Discussion, VR - Vote Required/Recommended

Unofficial report outs regarding district or community events will be relayed by committee members via the Chair and included in the Chair's report.

SOURCE: MASC

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NEW EBC: Emergency Plans

Advance planning for emergencies and disasters is essential to provide for the safety of students and staff; it also strengthens the morale of all concerned to know that plans exist and that students and staff have been trained in carrying out the plans.

The Superintendent will develop and maintain plans that meet the requirements of state law for preparedness in case of fire, civil emergencies, and natural disasters.

The Superintendent shall develop with the leadership team and in consultation with the school nurses, school physicians, athletic coaches, trainers, and the local police, fire, emergency personnel, and Board of Health an Emergency Medical Response Plan for each school in the district. Each Plan shall include:

1. A method establishing a rapid communications system linking all parts of the school campus, including outdoor facilities, to local Emergency Medical Services along with protocols to clarify when EMS and other emergency contacts will be called.
2. A determination of EMS response times to any location on the campus.
3. A list of relevant contacts with telephone numbers and a protocol indicating when each person shall be called, including names of experts to help with post-event support.
4. A method to efficiently direct EMS personnel to any location on campus, including the location of available rescue equipment.
5. Safety precautions to prevent injuries in classrooms and on the school campus.
6. A method of providing access to training in CPR and first aid for teachers, athletic coaches, trainers, and other school staff which may include CPR training for High School students; provided that School Committees may opt out of instruction in CPR pursuant to [Section 1 of Chapter 71](#).
7. In the event the school possesses Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs), the location of all available AEDs, whether the location is fixed or portable, and a list of personnel trained in its use.

The Superintendent shall annually review the response sequence with local police and fire officials. Plans shall be submitted to local police and fire officials and the DESE at least every 3 years by September 1 or when changes occur. Plans must be updated in the case of new construction or other physical changes to the school campus.

Building Principals will meet all requirements for conducting fire drills and Emergency Response drills (at least once per year) to give students practice in moving with orderly dispatch to designated areas under emergency conditions, and the staff practice in carrying out their assigned responsibilities for building evacuation.

SOURCE: MASC August 2015

LEGAL REF: M.G.L. [69:8A](#)

Section 363 of Chapter 159 of the Acts of 2000

CROSS REF.: [EBCD](#), Emergency Closings

[JL](#), Student Welfare

[JLC](#), Student Health Services and Requirements

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NEW EEAE School Bus Safety Program

The safety and welfare of student riders will be the first consideration in all matters pertaining to transportation. Safety precautions will include the following:

1. Children will be instructed as to the proper procedure for boarding and exiting from a school bus and in proper and safe conduct while aboard.
2. Emergency evacuation drills will be conducted at least twice a year to acquaint student riders with procedures in emergency situations.
3. All vehicles used to transport children will be inspected periodically for conformance with state and federal safety requirements.
4. Classroom instruction on school bus safety will be provided, which shall include any other relevant local, State, or Federal health and safety protocols.

SOURCE: MASC

LEGAL REFS.: M.G.L. [90:7b](#) as amended by Ch. 246 Acts of 1986

M.G.L. [90:1](#) et seq.; [713:2](#); [713:7L](#)

Highway Safety Program Standard No. 17

CROSS REF.: [EB](#), Safety Program, EBCFA Mask Policy

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NEW EEAEC (also [JICC](#)) - STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES

The School Committee and its staff share with students and parents/guardians the responsibility for student safety during transportation to and from school. The authority for enforcing School Committee requirements of student conduct on buses will rest with the Principal.

All students who ride on any school bus or van are expected to follow any Local, State, and/or Federal health and safety protocols in effect.

To ensure the safety of all students who ride in buses, it may occasionally be necessary to revoke the privilege of transportation from a student who abuses this privilege. Parents/guardians of children whose behavior and misconduct on school buses endangers the health, safety, and welfare of other riders will be notified that their children face the loss of transportation privileges in accordance with regulations approved by the School Committee.

SOURCE: MASC

CROSS REF.: EBCFA Mask Policy

NOTE: The coding of this statement indicates that the identical policy is filed in the J (Student) section.

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***NEW* EEAG - STUDENT TRANSPORTATION IN PRIVATE VEHICLES**

School buses will be used for the transportation of students participating in co-curricular or extracurricular activities. However, when buses are not available, private vehicles may be permitted to transport students to or from school activities that fall within the academic day or extend the school day provided all of the following conditions are met:

1. The activity has the approval of the Superintendent of Schools.
2. The owner of the vehicle being used in transporting students must file evidence with the Superintendent of personal liability insurance coverage on the vehicle in the amounts of \$100,000 - \$300,000 or more.
3. The parents/guardians of students to be transported in this manner will be fully informed as to this means of transportation and will sign a statement to this effect.
4. All Local, State, and Federal health and safety protocols in effect shall be followed.

SOURCE: MASC

Cross Ref: Transportation Liability Waiver Form



STUDENT TRAVEL IN PRIVATE VEHICLES

Travel to and from school and extra-curricular activities, e.g. games or field trips by school bus is a sanctioned activity.

1. Any other means of travel, private cars, vans, car pools organized either by parents or by staff are not controlled by the school system.
2. Students who travel to and from school and extra-curricular events by means not controlled by the school system do so under the responsibility of their parents/guardians.
3. Students who travel to and from school by means not controlled by the school system do so at the risk of the driver and the parent/guardian, not the Maynard School District.

School-Sanctioned Travel: Such travel is related to, or an extension of, school programs, but the costs are not budgeted and the conditions for the travel are generally parent obligations. Staff transporting students for such travel do so at their own risk.

In cases of school-sanctioned travel, parents/guardians will sign the “Consent and Release Form” and a statement that indicates the understanding that they bear full responsibility for all travel arrangements. Any school-sanctioned travel must be reviewed by the Principal in advance of the event. School officials will not knowingly approve school-sanctioned travel that involves students driving themselves, or any other arrangements that are not approved by the parent/guardian.

Staff transportation of students:

Teachers may transport students in private automobiles during the workday if they have the prior written approval of their Principal and each student's parent/guardian. Any staff transporting students, even with Principal and parental approval, do so **at their own risk**.

Staff cannot be required to transport students in their private automobiles.

The School District does not take responsibility for non-school sponsored trips organized or conducted by staff members outside of school time. School facilities or school time shall not be used by staff members to promote or solicit such activities, cf. Policy #311.

Trip Procedures for Staff Driving students in personal vehicles.

1. All field trips require the Principal's approval. The Principal determines whether the trip is appropriate.
2. Approval from the Principal requires a form to be completed and submitted to the office. The form must be submitted as far ahead of time as possible but normally at least 10 days before the trip.
3. Signed permission slips must be received from parents of all participating students.
4. Permission slips do not relieve a teacher or any staff member of alleged or proven negligence.
5. A proper adult/student ratio must be maintained. This can be determined on a case-by-case basis. Safety, gender balance and destination are some criteria for determining the number of chaperones needed.



USE OF PRIVATE VEHICLES FOR STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

(Must be signed and approved for each trip)

Each driver must complete, sign and return this form to the Principal for approval.

Today's Date: _____

Name of Driver: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Please initial that each statement is correct:

_____ I possess a valid driver's license (photocopy attached).

_____ The owner/lessee of the vehicle has a valid registration.

_____ The vehicle has a current inspection sticker.

_____ The vehicle is equipped with working seat belts.

_____ The owner/lessee of the vehicle has bodily injury liability insurance of at least \$250,000/\$500,000 which is effective even if the driver is other than the owner.

_____ The owner/lessee of the vehicle has property damage insurance of at least \$100,000 which is effective even if the driver is other than the owner.

I have signed parental permission slips (attached) to drive the following students to and from

_____ on _____
Destination Date

Signature

Cell phone contact number for trip

Automobile Owner/Lessee's Name (if different) _____.

If the driver is not the owner/lessee of the vehicle to be used, the owner/lessee is asked to complete the following authorization statement.

_____ has my permission to use my vehicle to drive students as indicated above.

I have ascertained that he/she has a valid driver's license and is covered under my liability insurance.

Signature of Vehicle Owner/Lessee

Principal's Signature

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***NEW* JLCC COMMUNICABLE DISEASES**

The District is required to provide educational services to all school age children who reside within its boundaries. By law, however, admission to school may be denied to any child diagnosed as having a disease whereby attendance could be harmful to the welfare of other students and staff, subject to the District's responsibilities to students with disabilities under the law.

The School Committee recognizes that communicable diseases which may afflict students range from common childhood diseases, acute and short-term in nature, to chronic, life-threatening diseases.

Management of common communicable diseases shall be in accordance with Massachusetts Department of Health guidelines. A student who exhibits symptoms of a communicable disease may be temporarily excluded from school attendance. The District reserves the right to require a physician's statement authorizing the student's return to school.

The educational placement of a student who is medically diagnosed as having a life-threatening communicable disease shall be determined on an individual basis in accordance with this policy and accompanying administrative procedures. Decisions about the proper educational placement shall be based on the student's behavior, neurological development, and physical condition; the expected type of interaction with others in school setting; and the susceptibility to other diseases and the likelihood of presenting risks to others. A regular review of the placement decision shall be conducted to assess changes in the student's physical condition, or based on new information or research that may warrant a change in a student's placement.

In the event a student with a life-threatening communicable disease qualifies for services as a handicapped child under state and federal law, the procedures for determining the appropriate educational placement in the least restrictive environment shall be used in lieu of the procedures designated above.

Neither this policy nor the placement of a student in any particular program shall preclude the administration from taking any temporary actions including removal of a student from

the classroom as deemed necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the student, staff, and others.

In all proceedings related to this policy, the District shall respect the student's right to privacy. Only those persons with a direct need to know shall be informed of the specific nature of the student's condition. The determination of those who need to know shall be made by the Superintendent.

SOURCE: MASC February 2019

LEGAL REF.: M.G.L. [71:55](#)