



- Phippsburg – 105 in-person, 16 distance learning
- FM – 144 in-person, 46 distance learning
- DN – 164 in-person, 49 distance learning
- WCS – 284 in-person, 31 distance learning
- BMS – 289 in-person, 45 distance learning
- MHS – 565 in-person, 51 distance learning
- BRCTC is more of a hands-on program and will be using the hybrid model. BRCTC ended the 2019-20 year with 195 students and is predicted to have 234 students in September.

The district handbook that focuses on COVID has been posted and the district has a point person that works to make sure that the questions asked by parents and members of the community are answered in the FAQ portion of the handbook. Students should know now whether they are following the A or B schedule and we are working with Bath Bus to get the bussing schedule finalized. RSU 1 has signed a contract with Siemens for ventilation work and staff will receive that information to let them know exactly what we are doing to improve the air quality. Six tents will be set up by day one for students and staff to use at each of our buildings during September and October. We are also working with Benchmark to hire a few more custodians to work during the day to clean the frequently touched areas and surfaces during the school day.

Assistant Superintendent Katie Joseph reported that we did decide to move forward with the plan for our Grade K students and the parents have been contacted to schedule a time for them to meet their teacher and complete assessments. The digital systems that were purchased over the summer will be the focus point of the four professional development days in September. The next part put together as far as instruction is concerned is a constant set of distant learning expectations for both students and teachers. We have a broader plan in place now but need to create more detailed plan that is specific for each grade level.

Superintendent Manuel reported that Friday was the last day for staff to let us know if they needed to or preferred to do remote learning. The administrative team has been meeting to discuss staffing and currently would need six teachers to do remote teaching. We are working to finalize the details and will be looking at the number of students doing in-person learning in order to determine how many new staff we will need to hire and post those positions.

Assistant Superintendent Joseph thanked the principals that were able to combine classrooms to save money while keeping the numbers safe for the people in the building. Ms. Joseph verified that we have been in contact with many of the families that we hadn't reached before the last meeting and still have room for those few that have not gotten back to us.

Superintendent Manuel reviewed the number of students that will be homeschooled by school this year.

Superintendent Manuel reported that the Maine Principals' Association will be releasing more information later this week on co-curricular activities and will update the Board once the information is available. Dr. Manuel provided the Board with an update on in-house transfers and what positions are open in the district.

Assistant Superintendent Joseph reported that our substitutes have all received the handbook which includes the updated COVID information along with the self-check form.

The Board asked Superintendent Manuel for information on any new professional staff hired to fill the open positions along with the background of each candidate as he had done over the summer.

