



To: NRSD Families and Faculty

From: Brooke Clenchy, Superintendent of Schools
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Re: Reopening Memo (5)

Dear Families and Faculty,

At last night's specially called NRSD School Committee meeting, the committee met again to further discuss the hybrid model as suggested for the elementary and middle school students, and the full remote model as proposed for the Nashoba Regional High School.

The NRHS administration, Guidance Department, and two teacher representatives presented a fully remote model. They feel that this model can accomplish serving our students well, provide a truly reflective Nashoba experience, and help to create a stable learning environment at the high school level. They also believe that they have embedded elements that will continue to attend to, and provide focus on, social emotional learning and student needs. The approach is novel and innovative. It is based on a foundational platform of believing in the strength of NRHS teachers continuing to teach our NRHS students. We acknowledge that if we move to a hybrid model, this same NRHS specific teacher/student connection will not be able to be scheduled, and we will have to move to outside NRSD third party vendors for a different platform. This will primarily be as a result of potential certification issues, and scheduling logistics.

The NRHS will send out further information to their families, with greater specificity within the next week.

The middle and elementary schools are setting up schedules that will allow parents to choose between having their children attend a hybrid setting (in school for part of the week), or stay at home and follow a fully remote model. These models will obviously differ from the high school model in many ways. However, the principals have collaborated to calibrate their efforts wherever possible. All schedules have been built to provide as much equity as possible district-wide and remain in draft form at this time as a result of so much uncertainty that is beyond our control.

After much discussion, the school committee voted to approve the mix of hybrid model implementation at the middle and elementary schools, and the fully remote model implementation at the high school level. We have included the Comprehensive Plan [here](#).

Each school will continue to work with its task force on site-specific details, and you can anticipate more details continuing to flow from our offices and the schools as details become more solidified.

The schools will send out a survey tomorrow, which will have a short turnaround time. They need the greater level of specificity as they work with the bus coordinator to build student cohorts. Again, we realize that as parents, you may change your mind between now and the start of the school year, but we ask that you reflect thoroughly on your response as we are using this survey data to build real time models to implement.

We know that what we are all experiencing is anxiety-inducing, and it feels incredibly uncomfortable and at times even destabilizing, but as a district, we feel comfortable about the pathway that we are on. We are taking as many possible precautions as we can, and we feel that our buildings are in excellent condition. Our custodial staff is well trained regarding disinfecting and thorough cleaning.

We will continue to monitor the science, data and metrics surrounding the virus and its trajectory. We will continue to work collaboratively with our local and state health officials to revisit when a safe opening, on a larger scale, can occur.

We look to our families to help support us with encouraging your children to continue to practice healthy hygiene and hand-washing at home. Please continue to stress the importance of mask wearing and social distancing. Should your child have a temperature, or feel sick, please have them remain at home.

We, collectively, will see our way through this - we can do it! Our schools and parents are a collective team, ready to tackle the start of the new school year.

We are excited to begin the new year and are especially looking forward to seeing our young students enter our doorways again.

Yours in partnership,



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