



To: NRSD Families

From: Brooke Clenchy, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Todd Maguire, Assistant Superintendent of Schools

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Re: Reopening Memo (8)

Dear Nashoba Families:

We are off and running with the start of our 2020-2021 school year! We are in full swing with many changes and new norms. We are providing you with the latest updates and essential information as we transition into the new school year.

Calendar Updates

At its meeting on Wednesday, September 16, 2020, the School Committee voted to amend the school calendar by making two changes. The first calendar change moves all but one of the Friday early release professional development days to Wednesdays of the same week. This change is for this year only, and reflects the wishes of the families who responded to our survey. The early release professional development day on September 25 was not moved, given that such a change would have provided short notice to families. The second change was to move the March early release parent-teacher conferences to March 15 and 23. They had previously been scheduled for March 18 and 26.

These changes better balance the number of in-person school days for the students in our two Hybrid Cohorts, and also maximize the total number of days that students in both cohorts are learning in person with their teacher.

NRHS late start dates for mid-term exams, shown in purple, currently scheduled for January 22-27, are subject to change. The dates on the reverse side of the calendar that show trimester (elementary and middle) and quarterly (high school) reporting dates continue to be reviewed and are subject to change.

The revised calendar can be accessed [here](#).

Chromebook Functionality

We have been monitoring Google Meet classes over the past several days and have noticed many Chromebooks showing signs of high CPU usage. At times, users were even disconnected from the meetings. Based on the hardware of our Chromebooks and hardware requirements of Google Meet, the district Chromebooks should only support 1-2 open tabs or Apps alongside a Google Meet.

To make Google Meet classes run better, we recommend the following for all Chromebook users.

1. Close "ALL" tabs except for Google Meet prior to entering a Google Meet class.
2. Do not watch YouTube or listen to online music while in a Google Meet class.
3. If students are required to run additional Apps (e.g. PearDeck) in a Google Meet class, please remind teachers and students to keep it under 2 open tabs/Apps at any given times.
4. Be sure to shut down on a daily basis, instead of just closing the lid. The Chromebook will not get the latest updates until it is shut down and rebooted daily.
5. Those using their own personal older equipment (windows laptop and desktop) should also close all unnecessary browser tabs and programs prior to joining a Google Meet meeting.

Residency

All state residency guidelines and regulations are the same during this current school year as they are for any school year. In short, a student must physically reside within one of our three communities to be considered an NRSD student and be able to attend school in one of our communities. If a student begins the year in any of our schools, and does not physically live within the Nashoba Regional School District, they will be asked to leave. Should you have any questions regarding this, please reach out to your school administration for specifics.

As always, we thank you for your continued support as we collectively navigate this incredibly non-traditional school year.

Please continue to stay healthy and safe.

Yours in partnership,



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