



## Wayland Public Schools Wayland, Massachusetts 01778

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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Dear Families & Staff:

This week the School Committee voted unanimously on the fall reopening plan for the district.

We will be opening with a robust remote model for K-12 that will transition into a hybrid model on or before October 19th for grades K-8. Grades 9-12 will transition to a hybrid model by October 19th as well unless grading and scheduling difficulties justify extending the remote model through the first quarter. We believe that by beginning in the remote model students will become comfortable and successful in that mode and be prepared for the hybrid model which also consists of a significant remote component. Please note that The Children's Way will follow a fully in-person model for its preschool students.

The remote model that we will begin the school year with will consist of the following:

- Students will attend a full school day of remote classes which will include daily synchronous learning opportunities. Students will receive grades, and assessments and grading will be consistent with the district's philosophy and practice.
- Special Education services will be conducted in-person, in school, to the fullest extent possible. School based liaisons will develop individual schedules for students that will be shared prior to the start of the school year. Students will receive all services to which they are entitled as a result of their IEP.
- Special Education evaluations and testing will be conducted in-person, in-school, by appointment or as part of the school day. IEP meetings will continue to be conducted virtually for the foreseeable future.
- In-person relationship-building opportunities (appropriately socially distanced, masked and, as much as possible, outdoors) will be incorporated into students' experiences soon after the school year begins.
- The remote model will be transitioned to a fully hybrid model on or before October 19th for grades K-8 unless health and safety dictate otherwise.
- The remote model will be transitioned to a fully hybrid model on or before October 19th for grades 9-12 unless grading and scheduling difficulties justify extending the remote model through the first quarter or health and safety dictate otherwise.
- Health and safety standards will be reviewed and implemented to meet local, state and DESE guidelines. This includes a review of the ventilation systems at all schools. If any school spaces do not meet prescribed health and safety guidelines, those spaces will not be used until they meet the guidelines.
- A Curriculum Progression Committee (CPC) will be established to monitor curriculum progression and identify and assist students who may benefit from additional attention during remote learning.

The comprehensive plan for the fall will be shared with all of you after it is submitted to the state on August 10th. Please remember that our fall reopening plan is subject to change if local or state guidance changes in relation to COVID-19.

Lastly, the School Committee voted to adjust the 2020-2021 school calendar in response to the Commissioner's guidance.

- August 27th - September 11th - Professional development, teacher meetings and student orientations for all grades
- September 14th - First day of school for students
- June 15th - Tentative last day of school

We want to thank families, students and staff for their input and patience during this process. It has been incredibly helpful, insightful and humbling. We look forward to our continued partnership in educating our students.

The Wayland School Committee and Superintendent Arthur Unobskey