

SCHOOL COMMITTEE WORKSHOP: Implications of Full Return to In-Person Learning

March 9, 2021 5:30 - 6:45 PM

WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES:

- 1. Consider how our district will respond to the State Board of Education's approval of regulatory amendments supporting a return to in-person instruction
- 2. Recognize opportunities, challenges, and barriers to students' full return to school buildings
- 3. Clarify the district's Next Steps

Time	Minutes	Activity
5:30pm	10	Welcome Message from the Superintendent and School Committee Chair
		District's continued commitment to health & safety and educational growth
		 March 5th vote by the State Board of Education and what it means to us: ✓ Beginning April 5th, students in grades K-5 will return to school for in-person learning for at least 4.5 days a week; Wednesdays likely to involve a half day to provide for staff collaboration and planning. ✓ Students in the Remote Learning Academy are not impacted by this change and will remain fully remote. ✓ Vote does not require us to change our learning models for students in grades 6-12; issues at the middle and high schools, including large enrollment and schedules, are complex and require more discussion and thought.
		Importance of School Committee, district leaders, teacher leaders, students, and families collaborating to support more in-person learning
		Workshop Overview: Reflection, Sharing of Ideas, Commenting and Answering Questions/Concerns
5:40pm	10	Reflection Workshop participants review worksheet of topics being considered during the planning process including fresh ideas, concerns, and the potential need for hard decisions and tradeoffs
5:50pm	25	 Sharing of Ideas Principals provide examples of how bringing students back could work at their schools & identify what resources they may need (15 minutes for Elementary models; 10 minutes for potential middle & high school models)
6:15pm	25	Commenting and Answering Questions/Concerns • Workshop participants invited to comment, pose questions or concerns knowing that we are unable to unpack all of the logistics at this meeting* * Comments, questions, concerns raised at this meeting will be addressed over the next few weeks in our plans for moving forward
6:40pm	5	Superintendent's Outlining of Next Steps and Closing Remarks