

Returning to School Considerations

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Return to School Committee

Original objective to plan for:

- Return to school this spring
- Return to school in the fall
- Return to school and experience another outbreak

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New objective to plan for:

- Return to school in the fall
- Return to school and experience another outbreak

Wrapping Up This Year

- Waiting for guidance on best practices for classroom and locker cleanouts
- Waiting for guidance on return of district materials (textbooks, instruments, athletic equipment, etc.)

Transportation

- Social distancing = 10 to 11 students on a bus
- Will need to have multiple routes from each bus stop
- May need to utilize centralized bus stops
- Cleaning in between each route
- Bus driver shortage
- If number of students transported on school buses decreases, traffic and other concerns arise at the school buildings

Scheduling

- Alternative schedules
 - A/B Days
 - A/B Weeks
- Alternatives to school day
 - Elementary Schools: students remain in classrooms and specialists rotate in
 - Middle School: students remain in classrooms and team teachers rotate in to eliminate passing time
 - High School: students may change classes, but cannot use their lockers
- Large Group Areas
 - Band/Chorus, Library, Physical Education, Cafeteria

Health Concerns

- Temperature checks
- Isolation of ill students and staff
- Arrival and dismissal--keep social distancing
- Required PPE and monitoring
- Medically compromised students and staff

Other Considerations

- Social distancing with 1:1 paraprofessionals and teachers who require proximity prompting, ABA, etc.
- Cleaning the building thoroughly on a nightly basis
- SEL components
- Regression/summer slide
- Athletics
- Possible further decrease in school funding as a result of the crisis

Conclusions