



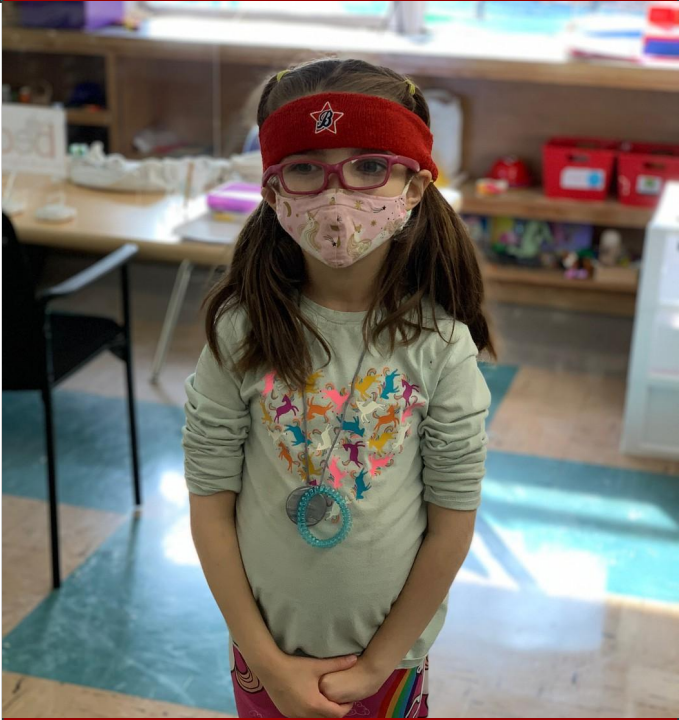
Dedham Public Schools

DPS In-Person Learning Update

Superintendent's Update to School Committee
March 31, 2021

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Student / Family Surveys



DPS Return to In-Person Learning Family Survey

- Sent to all K-12 Families on Wednesday, March 10
- Daily follow-up since then...
 - Personal outreach family by family at K-8 level
 - 100% responses/connections at K-5
 - Continued trickle toward in-person

Student/Family Preferences As Of Today:

K-5 Return To Full In Person			
Grade	Returning In Person	Staying Remote	Total # Students
K	199	7	206
1	206	11	217
2	171	9	180
3	163	8	171
4	177	12	189
5	161	8	169
Total	878	48	926

Student/Family Preferences As Of Today:

Dedham Middle School - Return to School Survey Results					
Grade	Returning In Person	Staying Remote	Responded to Survey	Total # Students	% Response Rate
6	170	20	190	201	94.53%
7	161	23	184	205	89.76%
8	172	24	196	244	80.33%
Total	503	67	570	650	87.69%

Current Timeline



- Full in person for all K-5 students as of Monday, April 5
- Full in person for all Gr. 6-8 students as of Monday, April 26
- Recommend Gr. 9-12 full in person on Monday, May 3
- Eliminate teacher simultaneous in-person + remote teaching at Grades PreK-8.
- Recommend Gr. 9-12 commitment to either in person or remote by Wednesday, April 28

Logistics



- Classroom space
 - No less than 3 feet of distancing between student seats
- Breakfast/lunch/snack
 - Will require at least 6 feet of distancing at all times
 - Outdoor eating whenever possible
 - Different solutions at each school (cafeterias or not)
 - Inclement weather contingencies
 - Use of gym for eating at Middle School
- Desks/materials
 - 200 desks purchased for K-5 classrooms (delivered 3/31)
 - 1000 lap trays for lunches
 - Additional curriculum materials for remote classes
- Remote Classroom Staffing
 - Use of instructional coaches, educational interventionists, and some new hires for Gr. K-5
 - Instructional Coaches, teachers on leave, Interventionists reassignment of content area educators at Gr. 6-8

Additional Considerations...



- Continued Strict Enforcement of all COVID Protocols
 - Masking at all times unless eating/mask break
 - Sanitizing/hand washing many times per day
 - Distancing whenever possible
 - Continued enhanced COVID cleaning
- Continued Emphasis on Pooled Testing Participation
 - About 1000 tests/week as of today
 - Shifting PreK-5 testing to once/week starting next week
 - PreK-5 testing on Mondays
 - DMS testing on Tuesdays
- Quarantined Students
 - Supporting at-home learning during quarantine



Questions?