



Windham School District

School Administrative Unit 95

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Dear Staff and School Community,

As of today, April 2, 2021, our district has a total of five (5) positive COVID-19 cases. four (4) positive cases at Golden Brook School, zero (0) positive cases at Windham Center School, zero (0) positive cases at Windham Middle School, and one (1) positive case at Windham High School. We also have a total of 37 students and staff quarantined between Golden Brook, Center School, Middle School, and High School. Although the country is facing another resurgence, our community transmission numbers remain low, comparatively. However, we were forced to transition our high school to a full remote learning model for four days due to the high level of exposure our staff encountered.

Effective Monday, April 5th, grades 7 and 11 will be welcomed back to full in-person learning. The high school will return to the hybrid model for grades 9 and 10, and the full in-person model for grade 12. Students that selected remote learning will continue in this model unless extenuating, individual circumstances warrant otherwise. Parents are to reach out to their child's principal regarding this matter. Our teachers and staff are thrilled to welcome these grades back to full in-person learning.

Governor Sununu issued a new mandate on Thursday evening that all New Hampshire K-12 schools will return to full in-person learning as of Monday, April 19. We are still waiting to hear the confirmed details from the Governor's office on the safety protocols and guidelines for a full return. It was our intent, before the Governor's executive order, to return students in grades 8-10 to **full in-person learning for Monday, April 12.** Our staff continues to work on the logistics based on the current safety guidelines to return these students safely. **We will confirm our plans to return grades 8-10 by Tuesday, April 6.**

Social distancing guidelines (3 ft.), classroom sizes, and grade enrollment are the root cause for student overflow areas to be created. Our staff is working diligently to examine alternative accommodations for the remaining grades in order to provide safe and effective learning environments for our students. Students may need to work remotely from designated overflow areas throughout the building in order for our safety protocols to remain intact. Although the overflow accommodations are not ideal, they will provide our students with the ability to feel more connected to our school community and their peers during the day. This overflow/remote accommodation will allow all students to participate in a full, five-day learning schedule from the building.

With this student population returning, our bus company will continue to make every effort to adhere to the current safety protocols and keep siblings together. However, because we are unable to utilize our full fleet of buses, most buses may need to transport three students to a seat. If you would like to make any adjustments to your child's transportation, please contact our transportation providers directly at bus@windhamsd.org.



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As of today, our district currently has nine of our district grades spans back to full in-person learning. Grades PK-2 has been offered full in-person learning since the start of school. Our district was successful in maintaining the ongoing hybrid model since the beginning of the school year for grades 3-12. As of March 15th, grades 3-6 and grade 12 also transitioned back to full in-person learning successfully and safely.

We are still in need of additional adults who have received completed background checks to help monitor the overflow areas at the middle school. These positions will be compensated at the district's current substitute rate. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact the Director of Human Resources, Kate Hennigar at HRdirector@windhamsd.org.

Thank you,

Richard Langlois
Superintendent of Schools