



GREENWICH PUBLIC SCHOOLS RETURN TO SCHOOL PLANNING TEAM

June 30, 2020

Organizational Structure

- District Task Force

Dr. Toni Jones, Superintendent

Karen Hirsh, Board of Education

Dr. Katy Noble, GPS Medical Consultant

Mary Keller, GPS Head of Nursing

Members of Cabinet

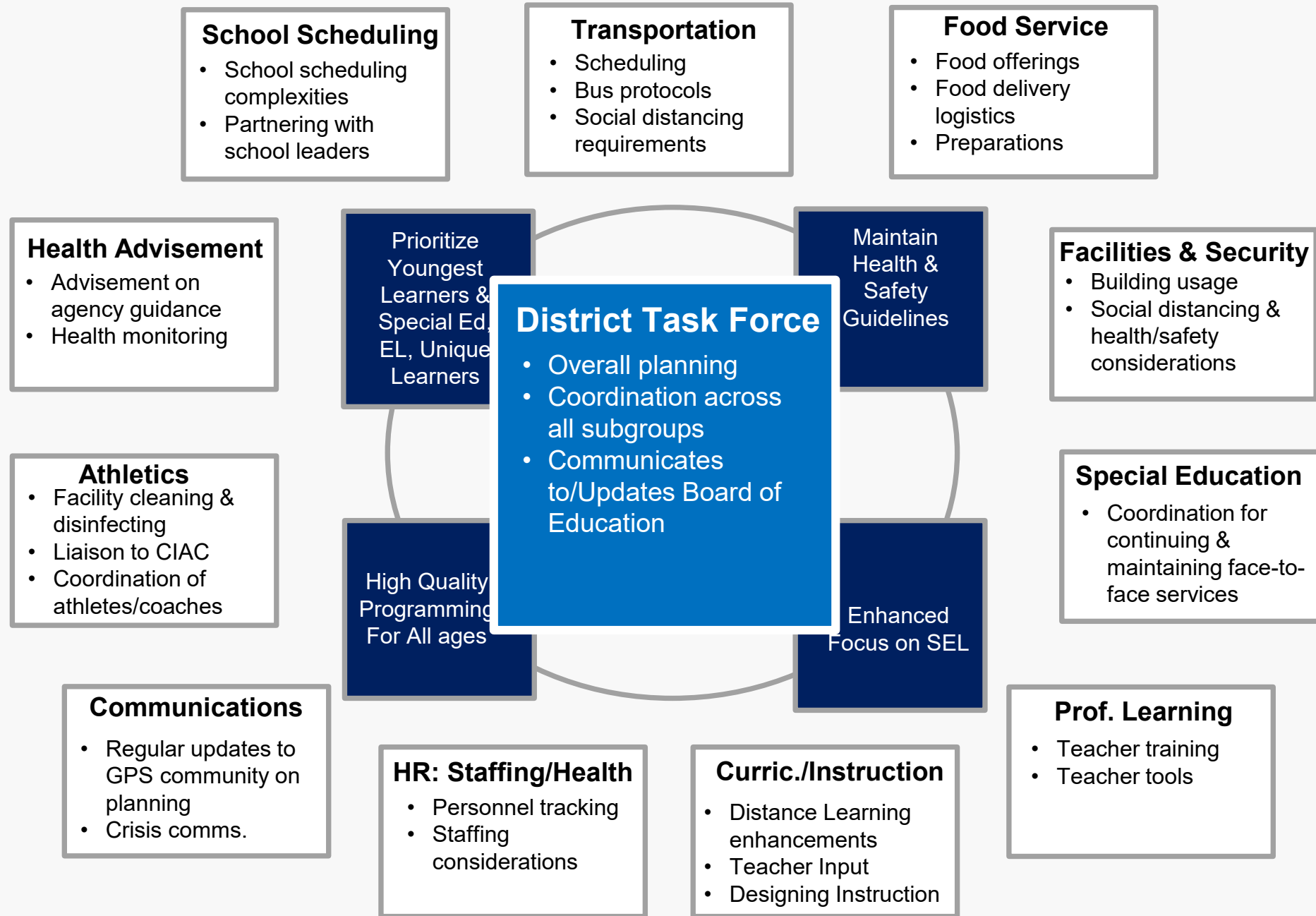
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Focus Groups

- Health Advisement
- School Scheduling Complexities
- Transportation
- Food Service
- Athletics Return to Play (CIAC)
- District Communications
- Facilities Disinfecting and Cleaning Protocols
- Human Resources Staffing and Health Related Challenges
- Curriculum and Instruction
- Teacher Professional Learning
- Special Education, EL, and Unique Learners

Greenwich Public Schools: 2020 Return to School Planning Team



Newest Information!

CSDE Released June 29th, 2020

Adapt, Advance, Achieve: Connecticut's Plan to Learn and Grow Together
Priorities

“...plan to have all students, in all districts, return to schoolhouses for fulltime instruction at the beginning of 2020 -2021”

Emphasizing

Cohort Groupings

Preparedness to adapt to “remote learning”

The new documents distinguishes between Guidance and Requirements

Curriculum and Professional Learning

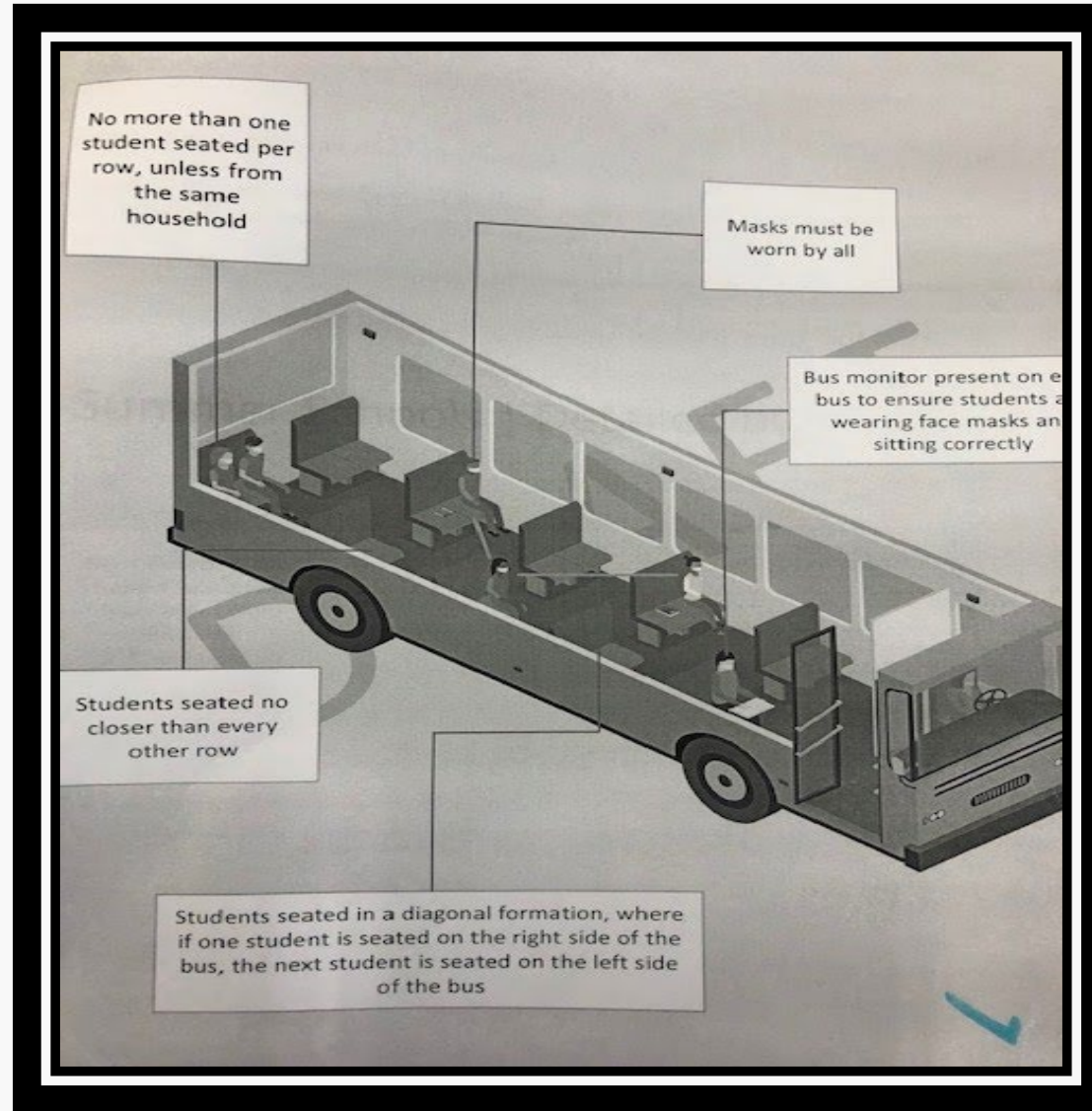
New Requirement

- **Prioritize mandatory training for staff, before the beginning of the school year,** that covers signs and symptoms of COVID -19, Standard Public Health protocols, Hygiene Practices, PPE, Reporting Illnesses, and supporting SEI.

Staff will need to know new protocols for moving around the building, and how to teach students the new expectations.

Transportation

Previous Guidance



New Transportation Guidance

State Document, June 29, 2020

Buses, Vans and Student Transportation Vehicles



Requirements

Protective strategies for bus transportation should align with the forthcoming tiered system established by DPH to assist leaders define the decision-making approach applied to individual school districts.



Safe Status

Bus transportation can operate with no restrictions.



Low Status

Bus transportation can operate up to full status with mask requirements and loading and unloading restrictions.



Moderate Status

Bus transportation can operate with seating and spacing restrictions, mask requirements, and loading and unloading restrictions.

If a vaccine is available or effective treatments for COVID-19 are available, bus transportation can operate as it did prior to the pandemic.

Face coverings must be worn in order to board the bus

Food Service

No Changes

Food service will be dependent upon the Phase of COVID -19

1. In the cafeteria with social distancing (Cohort groupings)
2. In the classroom only (brown bag)
3. What about schools with no elevator? Who delivers?
4. No long lines (food must be distributed to the students)
5. If in the cafeteria, only with the same small cohort of students

Athletics Return to Play

No Changes

CIAC has Provided Guidelines

Return to Play will be dependent upon the the Phase of COVID -19

1. Disinfecting locker rooms
2. Social Distancing on the fields and in work out groups
3. Temperature taking, who monitors? (This could change, no longer required)
4. All locker room benches must be wrapped if any tears or rips are evident...

Facilities Disinfecting and Cleaning

No Changes

Cleaning Product Selection

Viking Pure Clean: A sodium hydroxide solution

Viking PurSan: A hypochlorous acid solution used for disinfecting

Approved for COVID -19 disinfecting

Safe and non-toxic

Viking equipment which produces in excess of 200 gallons per day has been placed in areas around the district for easy distribution

Facilities Disinfecting and Cleaning

Paper Towel Dispensers

Disconnected and/or removed all blow dryer type units

In the process of adding touchless pull tab dispensers

In the process of adding touchless tissue dispenser/trash receptacle
outside all restrooms

Facilities Disinfecting and Cleaning

Changes below

PPE Equipment

Masks and gloves ordered and received; approximately 10,000 in stock

Shields and plexi units ordered for summer school

Nursing protective equipment ordered

Masks are required for all students and staff when they are inside the school building, with certain exceptions (*CSDE is requiring)

Hand Sanitizer

Ordering for all classrooms (Required)

Temperature Stations (No Longer Required)

Have hand held thermometers for Summer. ~~Waiting on newest guidance~~

~~before considering tent entry into buildings.~~

Safety and Security

1. Social distancing floor adhesives are ordered
2. Traffic coordination is ready if buses are limited and traffic patterns and staggered starts are necessary
3. Containment Planning...identify an isolation room

Human Resources and Staffing

No Changes

One of the single most important indicators of opening

1. Do we have adequate staff to meet social distancing guidelines?
2. How many staff are compromised and could be expected to have a Doctor's note of non -return?
3. Assessment of staff will happen over the next few weeks as CT determines if large gatherings are impacting the spread.

GPS Communications

Continued communication through the summer months

Survey families about bus ridership and comfort returning to school

Survey launching (week of June 29th)

Survey teachers in regards to compromised return to work (week of June 29th)

Producing “How To” videos for school communities about social distancing, utilizing new protocols, and general COVID -19 education in regards to schools.

Special Education and Unique Learners

No Changes

1. Evaluate the summer program for effectiveness and input on adjustments
2. Strategy for PPT and Evaluations put on hold due to COVID -19 challenges
3. Assess rate of learning during COVID -19
4. Assess rate of language acquisition for EL students during COVID -19

School Scheduling

- Full Return
- Hybrid Approach
- Distance Learning (Remote Learning)

GPS is working to understand the new document and how to balance social distancing with a full return to school for PK-12+

Our commitment to ongoing, transparent & timely communications:

GPS will continue to be transparent, communicative, and share what we know and where we are in the process.

Please continue to look to GPS channels (email, website, GPS social media handles) for accurate information and updates.

Task Force Meetings

Task Force June 30, 2020

Task Force July 2, 2020

Task Force July 7, 2020

Task Force July 9, 2020

Task Force July 14, 2020

Task Force July 16, 2020

Focus Group Input

Return to School Q & A in Spanish: July 8, 2020 10:00 am
Special Education Focus Group: July 9, 2020 12:30 pm
Elementary Teacher Focus Group: July 9, 2020 2:00 pm
Secondary Teacher Focus Group: July 10, 2020 2:00 pm
Specialists Teacher Focus Group : July 13, 2020 1:00 pm
PTAC Input Session: July 15, 2020 2:00 pm

BOE Planned Special Meetings Specifically for Return to School School

BOE Special Meeting on Return: July 13, 2020 **Public Meeting

BOE Special Meeting on Return: July 27, 2020 **Public Meeting

Thank you for joining!

<https://www.greenwichschools.org/district-information/return-to-school-planning-team-2020>