



WOODBIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Beecher Road School Community,

We hope this letter finds you and your family well and enjoying the beautiful summer weather. As you are aware, the Governor and the Commissioner of Education held a press conference last week with a [slide presentation](#) and a one page executive summary [ADAPT, ADVANCE, ACHIEVE](#) to announce the state's model/plan for school reopening in September. The plan, released earlier this week, calls for a *fall reopening with a full time in-school return for all students every day*. The plan incorporates key mitigation strategies: maximize social distancing, frequent hand washing/use of hand sanitizer, face coverings supplied by families that completely cover both the nose and mouth and enhanced cleaning/disinfection of spaces/surfaces. The plan will be monitored and may be adjusted to a blended (hybrid) learning model or remote (distance) learning model if COVID infection rates change.

As mentioned in last week's letter, our Beecher Road School Reopening Committee has been meeting to prepare for the fall. Significant time has been spent this week reviewing and strategizing around the guidance (via the comprehensive state plan) that was provided to districts. Major areas of focus for the committee include Health and Wellness, School Operations and Teaching and Learning. The Reopening Committee values the voices of parents and to that end, *we would ask that you kindly complete this short [preliminary survey](https://forms.gle/EoGseZxDnxBy2Nua9)*

We kindly ask that you complete this survey by this Tuesday, July 7 at 9 AM. Please use this same link to **complete one survey for EACH of your children**. Completing one survey per child is important in that it assists us in making specific plans for the fall. This short preliminary survey will help us to understand what parents are planning based on the information they currently have on hand. We anticipate sending additional surveys during the summer.

The Beecher Road School Administration and Reopening Committee recognizes the health and educational challenges caused by this pandemic and is committed to safely return our students to Beecher in the fall. We would also ask that you continue to reinforce and assist your child(ren) in practicing the important mitigation strategies of hand washing, social distancing and wearing a mask - all which will be required at Beecher as school reopens.

Thank you for completing the survey by Tuesday, July 7 at 9 AM. The committee will strive to keep you informed on a weekly basis.

As always, we thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Bob Gilbert
Superintendent

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