

# Suffield Public Schools Reopening Presentation



**August 8, 2020**

# Presentation Outline

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# DPH County Guideposts

Leading Indicator	LOW Favors more In-Person Learning	MODERATE Favors moving to Hybrid Learning	HIGH Favors moving to Remote Learning
Number of new cases of COVID-19 (7 day rolling average of new cases per 100,000 population per day)	< 10 new cases per 100,000 population	10 to < 25 new cases per 100,000 population	25+ new cases per 100,000 population

The “low” and “moderate” categories indicate conditions in the area are appropriate for schools to provide at least a partial in-school option to students. **The district and building-level decisions will ultimately be made at the local level.** However, should a district determine not to provide an in-school option while in the low or moderate category, an exception review is required from a panel with representatives from the State Department of Education, the State Board of Education and the Department of Public Health. Superintendents should consider developing a local structure to include the school medical advisor, local health director, and school nurse leader to consult when making decisions.

*Addendum 4 - Adapt, Advance, Achieve: Connecticut's Plan to Learn and Grow Together  
August 3, 2020*



# Health and Safety Planning

- COVID-19 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Inventory
  - Masks
    - N95 – 0
    - KN95 – 1,200
    - Surgical - 100
    - Cloth – 2,800 adult
  - Face Shields - 50
  - Gowns - 50
  - Thermometers – 16



# Health and Safety Planning

## ➤ Facilities Update

### ➤ Air Conditioning

- SMS Air Conditioning ACCE Capital Project

(8) August 10-21

- AWS Air Conditioning ACCE Capital Project

**\*To Be Proposed to ACCE and BOS for Emergency Funding**

### ➤ Classroom Ventilation Enhancement

- Increasing outdoor air percentage (100% 36-78°F / 50% 78+°F)
- Windows and Doors will be kept open

### ➤ Disinfecting Procedures

- Surface Wipes for Students
- Surface Cleaning Equipment for Faculty and Staff
- Increased Daily Custodial Support



# Health and Safety Planning

## ➤ COVID-19 Financial Impacts (to-date)

Item	Amount
Masks	\$4,677
Sanitizer	\$3,216
Sanitizer Wipes	\$1,673
Disinfectant	\$2,366
Thermometers	\$919
Technology Support	\$2,294
Computers/Chromebooks	\$99,075
Total	<b>\$114,220</b>



# Health and Safety Planning

- Emergency Management Planning
  - August 3, 2020 Meeting with Town of Suffield Public Safety Leadership
    - Health and Safety Review and Planning
    - Fire Drill Procedures
    - Lockdown Drill Procedures
  - August 4, 2020 Meeting with Town of Suffield Public Safety Leadership and Suffield Academy
  - August 17-21 Town of Suffield Public Safety Leadership walkthroughs
  - August 17-21 Fire Marshal Annual School Inspections





# Professional Development Schedule

## ➤ COVID-19 Professional Development Training Schedule

August 24	August 25	August 26	August 27	August 28
Districtwide COVID-19 Health & Safety Protocols  AM & PM Zoom	School-based Orientation and COVID-19 Health & Safety Protocols  AM & PM Zoom	Remote Learning Preparation	Remote Learning Preparation	Teacher Work Day

**First Day of School: Monday, August 31, 2020**





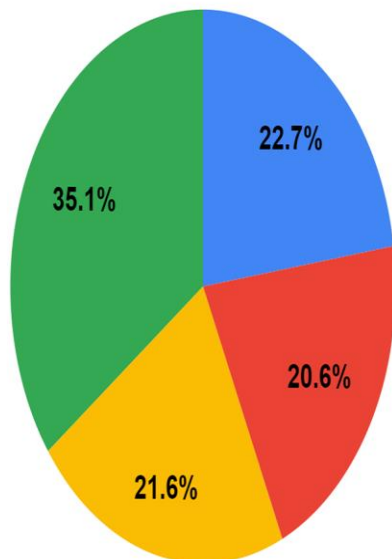
# Technology Update

- Live Classroom Instruction Planning
  - 180 Document Cameras
  - Expected delivery date: Mid-September
- CSDE Technology Grant
  - 269 Chromebooks
  - 37 WiFi Hotspots
- District-acquired
  - 130 iPads
  - 350 Chromebooks are on backorder



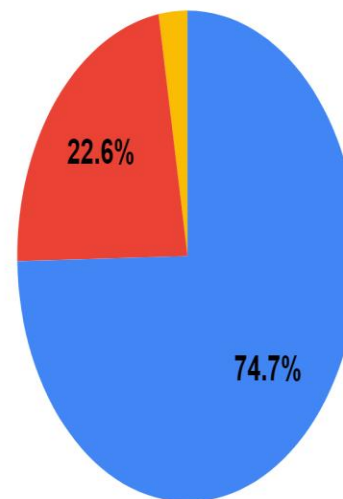
# Parent Survey Results

My child attends:



● Spaulding ● McAlister ● Suffield Middle School ● Suffield High School

Which of the following apply to your schooling consideration at this time?  
( This information will be used as an estimate for planning purposes.)



● Attend school - full day/week ● Keep my child home and access remote learning plans  
● We have an alternate plan



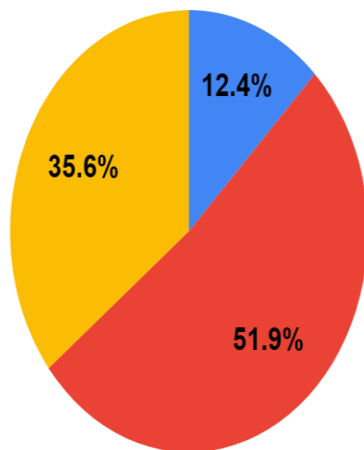
# Parent and Survey Results

TRANSPORTATION				
How will your child get to school most often this fall (AM Route)?	AWS	MIS	SMS	SHS
• School Bus	125	129	112	183
• Parent or home provided transportation	178	144	174	304
• Not applicable (using distance learning)	46	44	47	54
How will your child get to school most often this fall (PM Route)?	AWS	MIS	SMS	SHS
• School Bus	149	150	155	231
• Parent or home provided transportation	154	123	130	261
• Not applicable (using distance learning)	46	44	48	49



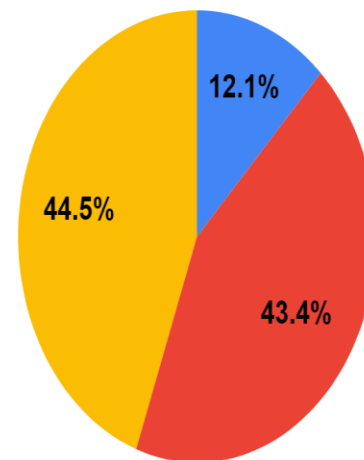
# Parent Survey Results

How will your child get to school most often this fall (AM Route)?



● Not applicable (using distance learning) ● Parent transportation or home provided transportation  
● School Bus

How will your child get home from school most often this fall (PM Route)?



● Not applicable (using distance learning) ● Parent transportation or home provided transportation  
● School Bus



# Parent Survey Results

We are expecting to open the schools in the fall at full capacity with health and safety protocols in place. If we need to alter our school day to adhere to additional recommendations, including 50% building capacity achieved through A and B student cohorts, please rank the scheduling options presented below from MOST PREFERRED (1) to LEAST PREFERRED (4).

Alternating schedule for A/B Cohorts = 1 full week in school and 1 full week distance learning	ELEMENTARY	SECONDARY	
• 1 (MOST PREFERRED)	158	197	Total 1 & 2 637 Respondents
• 2	326	440	
• 3	672	990	
• 4 (LEAST PREFERRED)	484	508	
Alternating schedule for A/B Cohorts = 3 full days in school and 2 full days distance learning (rotating MWF/T,Th weekly)	ELEMENTARY	SECONDARY	
• 1 (MOST PREFERRED)	224	322	Total 1 & 2 912 Respondents
• 2	438	590	
• 3	477	531	
• 4 (LEAST PREFERRED)	256	320	
Alternating schedule for A/B Cohorts = M/Th, Wed all remote, T/F)	ELEMENTARY	SECONDARY	
• 1 (MOST PREFERRED)	121	170	Total 1 & 2 764 Respondents
• 2	464	594	
• 3	699	915	
• 4 (LEAST PREFERRED)	320	408	

\* Also 105 Respondents also noted this preference of MT/W/RF in Open Ended Response



# Hartford Area and Regional School Reopening Survey Results

## ▶ CT Area District Hybrid Reopening

- East Granby: MT/RF (Weds. Asynchronous)
- East Windsor: MT/RF (Weds. Asynchronous)
- Enfield: MT/RF (Weds. Asynchronous)
- Ellington: MT/RF (Weds. Asynchronous)
- Granby: MT/RF (Weds. Asynchronous)
- Somers: MR/TF (Weds. In-person Alternating Cohort)
- Windsor: MR/TF (Weds. Asynchronous)

**Important note: August 8, 2020 – 1:00 PM**

**District Hybrid Reopening information obtained through survey data.**

**Please note that districts may change their plans as per local decision-making.**



# SPS Hybrid Reopening Plan

- **Week of August 31 (First Week of School)**
  - Cohort A “In-person” (Monday and Tuesday)
  - Cohort B “In-person”(Wednesday and Thursday)
  - No School Friday, September 4 (Professional Development Day)
- **Week of September 7 (Second Week of School)**
  - No School Monday, September 7 (Labor Day)
  - Cohort A “In-person” (Tuesday and Wednesday)
  - Cohort B “In-person” (Thursday and Friday)
- **Week of September 14 (Third Week of School & Yearly Hybrid Plan)**
  - Cohort A “In-person” (Monday and Tuesday)
  - Wednesday Asynchronous (No in-person Learning)
  - Cohort B “In-person” (Thursday and Friday)
- **Week of September 21 (Full Reopening if Possible)**
  - Decision will be made by Wednesday, September 16
  - Based on “Total Cases” Rolling 7 Day Calendar
  - Rolling 7 Day Calendar will be updated daily on district website



# SHS Athletics

- CIAC Schedule Takeaways
  - Phase I Schedule (15 or less)
    - August 27 - Practices begin (August 17 – Football)
  - Phase II Schedule (Full Team)
    - September 11
    - September 18 – Scrimmages begin
  - Phase III Schedule
    - September 24 – Interscholastic competition begins
    - October 30 – Last play date
    - CIAC is currently planning tournament schedules



# SHS Athletics

- CIAC Health and Safety Takeaways
  - Masks worn unless participating in activity
  - Students must provide their own water bottles
  - Coaches will be required to wear masks
  - Officials will wear masks when possible
  - Plastic shields must be approved by CIAC
  - Locker rooms are discouraged
    - Protocols to be developed for locker room/bathroom usage



# SHS Athletics

- CIAC Health and Safety Takeaways (cont.)
  - Covid-19 Advisory Committee to be established
  - Coaches / AT Training on COVID-19 Athletic Monitoring Form
  - Contact Tracing protocols will be in place
  - Spectators may not be permitted
  - Feasibility of temperature checks is being explored
  - Coaches meetings prior to season will review all protocols

