



## Reopening School Committee Meeting Report October 19, 2020

### Updates:

- Physical space needs for classrooms/lunch: J. Mitchell provided information regarding use of barriers in cafeterias to allow less than 6 ft. distancing. DPH doesn't mention barriers, CDC mentions use of barriers, some Fairfield County schools use less than 6 ft. or alternate spaces. FPS will stay with 6 ft. distance at lunch and use of barriers with 3 ft. in classrooms.
- Feedback: Review of survey and web/link comments identified priorities to be addressed in implementation plan: health data metrics; K-5 remote learning expectations; safety/mitigation measures (lunch, buses, specials, distancing)
- Middle School: Continue working through options to address both improving remote instruction (support live streaming), and return to full time.

### Discussion:

*K-5 Return to School Implementation Plan:* Specific tasks/owners/dates identified to reopen week of November 9. This is an evolving work plan and tasks will be added as needed. B. Smoler to provide additional tasks based on teacher feedback (10/22 teacher meeting). Parent informationals webinars to be scheduled (may be school-based), to set expectations for both remote and in-person learning.

*Health Data:* Clarify public understanding of metrics and how learning model decisions will be made. All decisions made in consultation with local/state health departments looking at [CT School Learning Model Indicators](#) and [CT COVID-19 Data Tracker](#). Weekly call with Superintendents, Local Health Departments and DPH. No specific alignment between state guidance to local municipalities and school districts. State provides town level data (14-day window, up from 7-day view), but does not recommend basing decisions on town level data, unless there is a significant outlier. Current Fairfield data includes local universities, FPH advocating to exclude college data. Ongoing conversation with FPH to determine impact of college data on public school learning model. In order to provide stability, the learning model decision will be finalized November 3.

*Transportation:* Looking at staggering arrival of bussers, walkers and drop-offs. Will reset arrival/dismissal procedures. Share strategies among schools.

Commitment Form Responses: Parents can view in language of choice. Commitments due 4 pm, Wednesday, October 23. Preliminary live data to be shared with K-5 Administrators beginning October 20. Data visualizations created in consultation with K-5 Principals. Clearly communicate if there are any implementation differences among schools based on numbers returning.

### Next Steps (by next meeting):

- Share preliminary data from commitment form responses (10/23)
- Plan parent webinars for full-time return, remote learners with current teacher and students new to RLA.
- Send agenda items and additional K-5 Return tasks to M. Cummings/Z. Parish

**Next Meeting: Monday, October 26**