



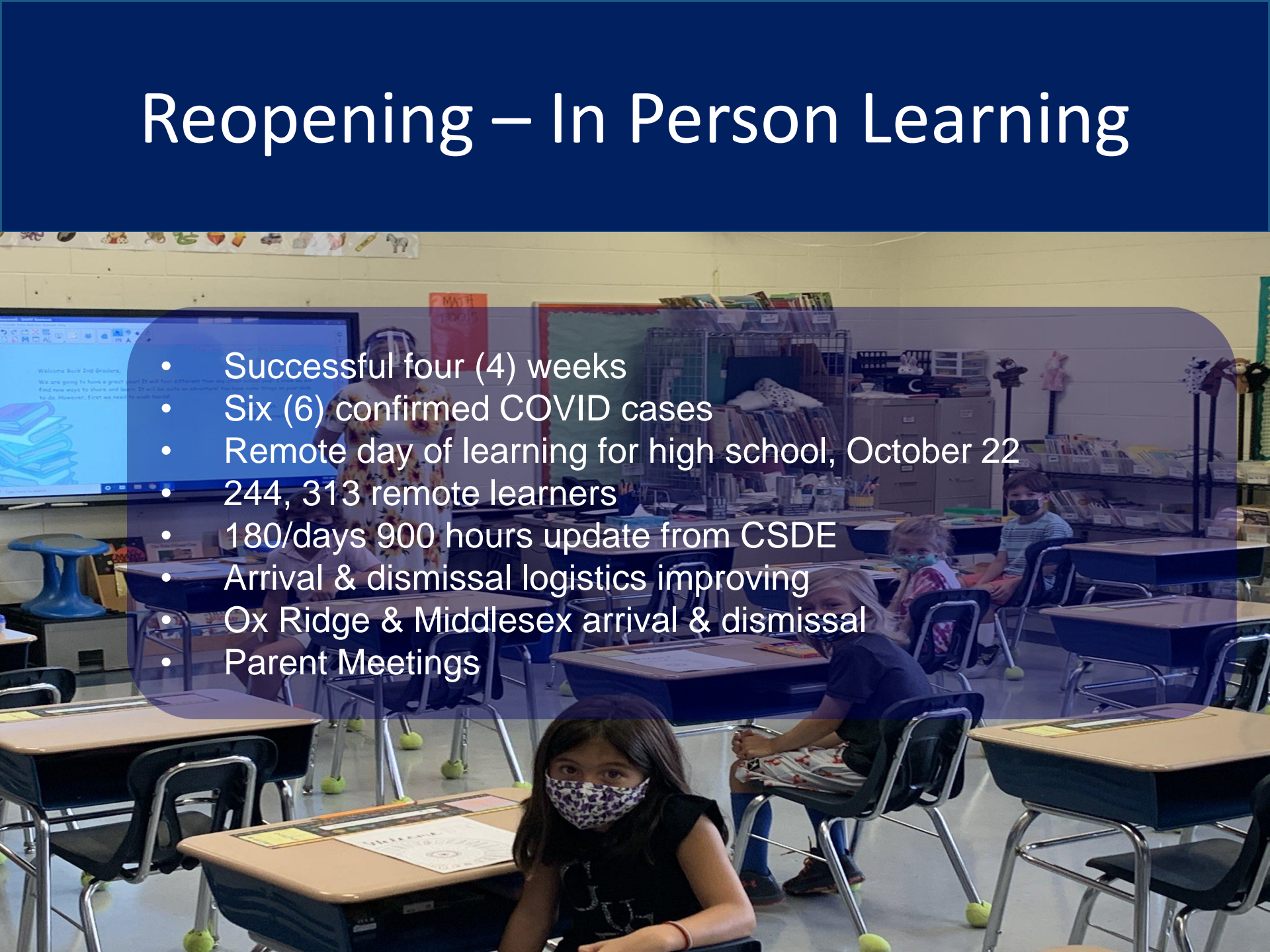
Opening Doors for a New Year of Learning

Darien's Reopening Plan
Update, October 27, 2020

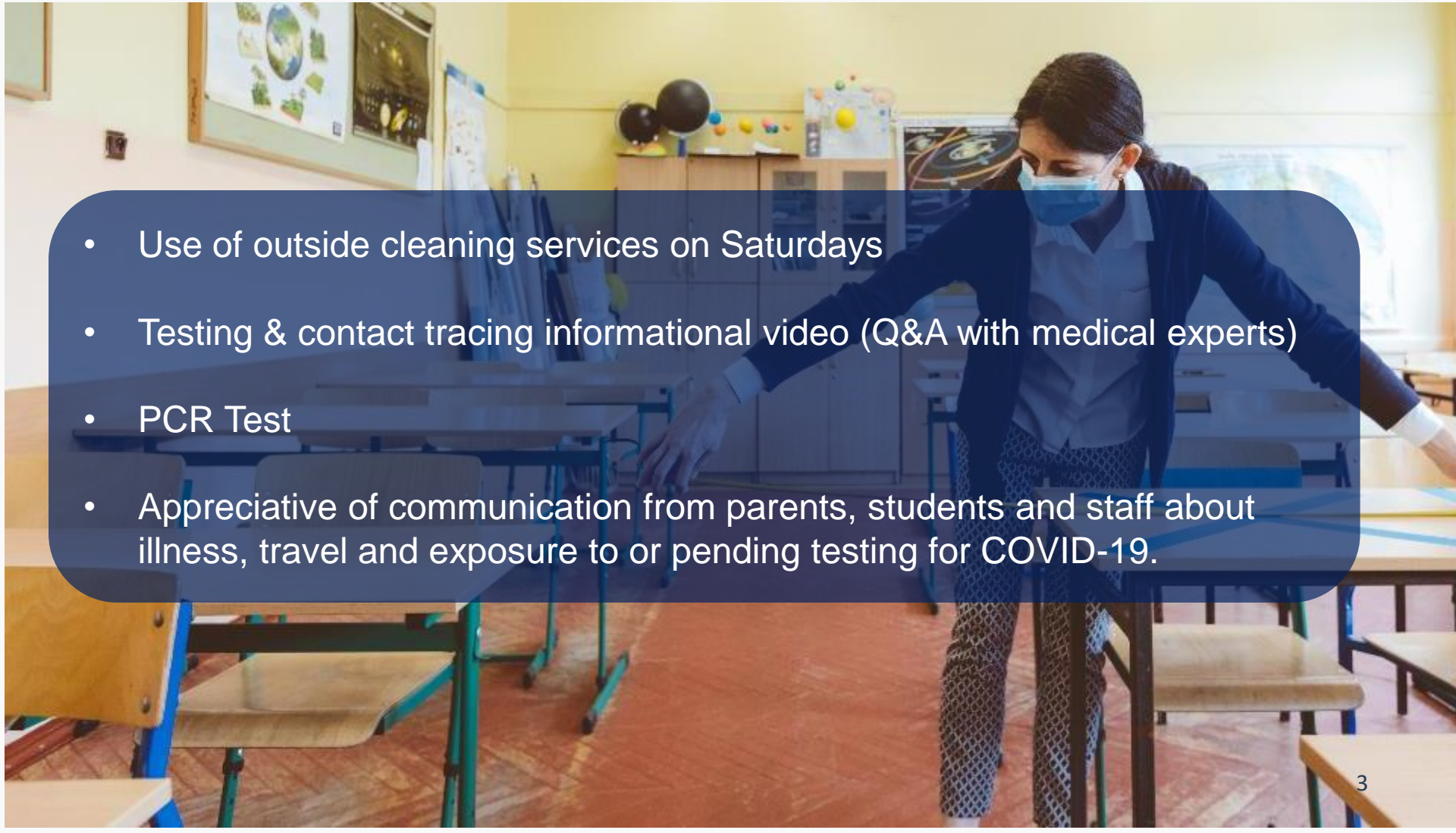


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Reopening – In Person Learning

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- A photograph of a classroom during a reopening. In the foreground, a young girl with dark hair and a patterned face mask sits at a desk, looking towards the camera. Behind her, other students are seated at their desks, also wearing masks. In the background, a teacher wearing a face shield and a floral shirt stands near a large interactive screen. The screen displays a presentation slide with the text: "Welcome Back 2nd Graders. We are going to have a great year! It will have different times and places and things to do. Find new ways to share and learn. It will be quite an adventure! We have some things to do. However, first we need to wash hands." The classroom is filled with desks, chairs, and various educational materials.
- Successful four (4) weeks
 - Six (6) confirmed COVID cases
 - Remote day of learning for high school, October 22
 - 244, 313 remote learners
 - 180/days 900 hours update from CSDE
 - Arrival & dismissal logistics improving
 - Ox Ridge & Middlesex arrival & dismissal
 - Parent Meetings


Health & Safety

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- Use of outside cleaning services on Saturdays
 - Testing & contact tracing informational video (Q&A with medical experts)
 - PCR Test
 - Appreciative of communication from parents, students and staff about illness, travel and exposure to or pending testing for COVID-19.

Attendance

- Requests for moving from fully remote learning to in person instruction requires written notification to the school principal 72 hours prior to the change.
- Remote learning requires planning and preparation. Therefore, remote learning cannot be a daily choice and cannot be used to accommodate travel/vacation schedules.
- Students required to quarantine will become remote learners for the duration of their absence.
- Families who are keeping a child home for suspected illness without a District imposed quarantine should consult with their school nurse to determine the suspected length of absence and whether remote learning will be provided for the duration of that illness. Under these circumstances, if approved, remote learning will commence within 24-48 hours.

Athletics & Extracurricular Activities

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- Winter season scheduled to start 11/21 and finish 2/21
 - CIAC meeting to discuss mitigating strategies
 - Special season created for football & any other fall/winter sport that does not complete 40% of its season (2/21-4/17)
 - Elementary & middle school clubs running virtually
 - DHS has approximately 55 virtual clubs and activities

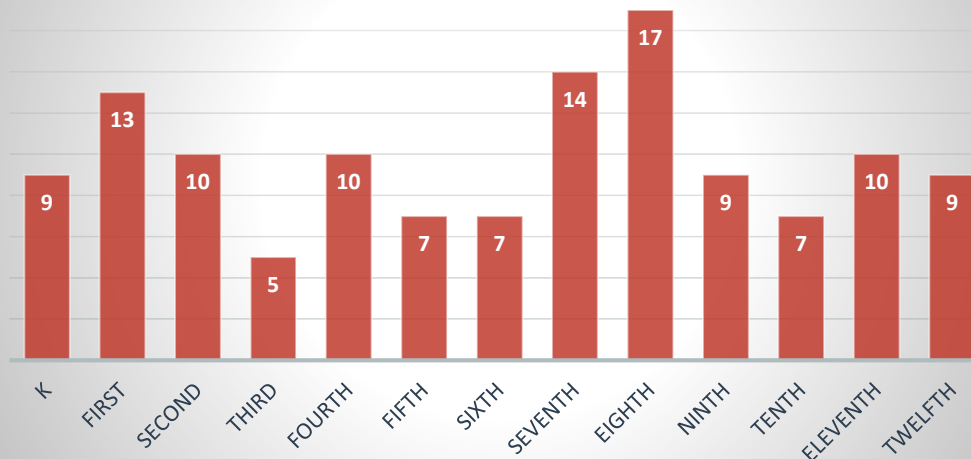
Full Remote Learners

Survey results reflect 94 responses representing 126 remote learners.

DHS (28%), MMS (30%), Hindley (13%), Holmes (9%), Royle (3%),
Tokeneke (10%), Ox Ridge (7%)

Parents perceive stronger connectedness with student to teacher
compared to student with peers.

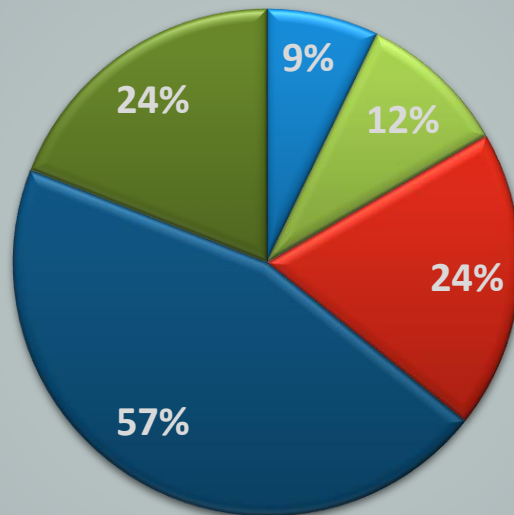
Remote Learners By Grade



Full Remote Learners

My remote learner has the tools they need to be successful in a virtual learning environment.

Remote Learning Success



Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

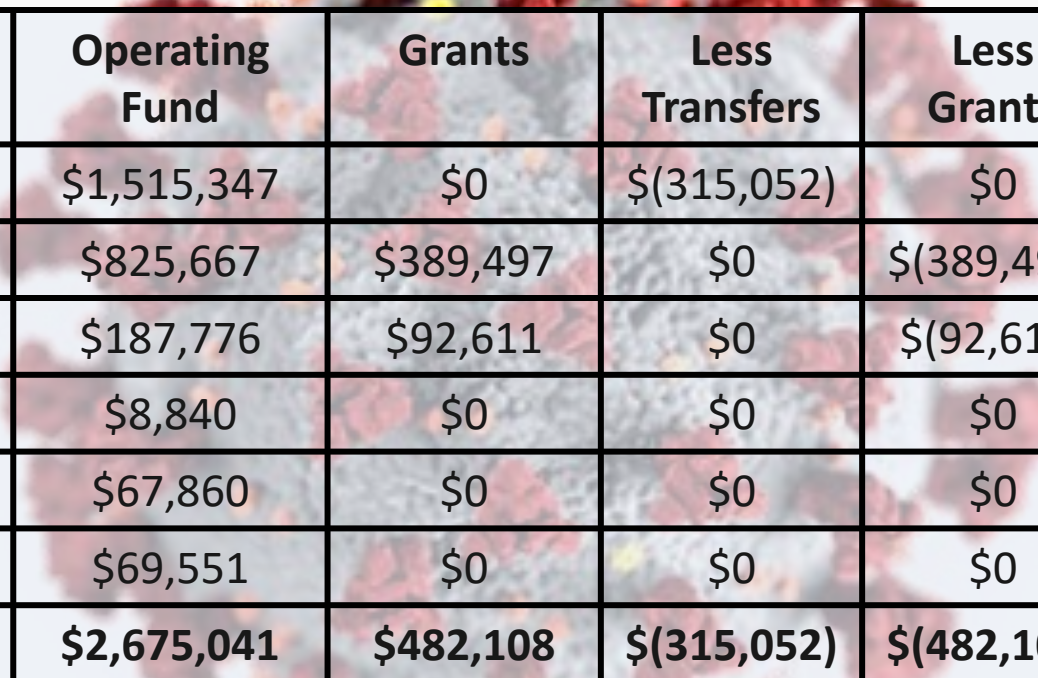
Successes

Independence
Responsibility
Technology Skills
More Synchronous Instruction

Challenges

Socialization – Time With Peers
Tech (Sound/Zoom/Wifi)
Collaboration & Interaction
Sharing Work
Teacher Feedback

COVID-19 Related Expenditures



Category	Operating Fund	Grants	Less Transfers	Less Grants	Total
Staffing	\$1,515,347	\$0	\$(315,052)	\$0	\$1,200,295
Facilities	\$825,667	\$389,497	\$0	\$(389,497)	\$825,667
Technology	\$187,776	\$92,611	\$0	\$(92,611)	\$187,776
Transportation	\$8,840	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,840
Athletics	\$67,860	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$67,860
Materials	\$69,551	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$69,551
Total	\$2,675,041	\$482,108	\$(315,052)	\$(482,108)	\$2,359,989

COVID Status

SCHOOL	CURRENT CASES	CURRENT QUARANTINED	CUMULATIVE CASES	CUMULATIVE QUARANTINED
DHS/FITCH	4	45	3	63
MMS	0	4	1	16
HINDLEY	0	0	0	4
HOLMES	2	2	2	8
OX RIDGE	0	2	0	1
ROYLE	0	2	0	5
Total	6	55	6	97

Reopening Schools Metric

Infection Levels in Communities for Consideration of Learning Models for Schools

Leading Indicator	MORE In-Person Learning	Re-assess strategies to determine appropriate balance of in-person and remote learning (hybrid learning)	LESS In-Person Learning
Number of new cases of COVID-19 (14-day average of new cases per 100,000 population per day)	< 10 new cases per 100,000 per day	10 to < 25 cases per 100,000 per day	25+ cases per 100,000 per day

Reduce Person-Density in School Buildings

Secondary Indicators	MORE In-Person Learning	Re-assess strategies to determine appropriate balance of in-person and remote learning (hybrid learning)	LESS In-Person Learning
Percent positivity rate <i>(# of positive tests/ # of total tests, 14-day average)</i>	Secondary Indicators trending down to flat	Direction of Change: Secondary Indicators trending flat to upward	Secondary Indicators trending upward
Number of new COVID-19 hospitalizations per 100,000 population <i>(14-day average)</i>		Speed of Change: Any statistically significant changes upward to Secondary Indicators	Consistent, statistically significant changes upward to Secondary Indicators
COVID-like and Influenza-like Illness (CLI and ILI) Syndromic Surveillance			

Reopening Schools Metrics

Indicators for Learning Models Week Ending Oct 22

Leading Indicator		Secondary Indicators		
Risk Level	New COVID-19 Cases (14 days avg. per 100K pop)	Percent Test Positivity	New COVID-19 Hospital Admissions (14 days avg. per 100K pop)	Percent COVID-like illness hospital ED visits
Low (Favors more in- person learning)	<10 < 2.2 for Darien (=15 cases) Currently 0.79 or 11 cases	Trending down to flat No statistically significant changes		
Moderate (Favors hybrid learning)	10 – 25 2.2- 5.5 for Darien (=15 – 38 cases)	Trending flat to upward Any statistically significant changes		
High (Favors remote learning)	>25 > 5.5 for Darien (=38 cases)	Trending upward Consistent statistically significant changes upward		

Reopening Schools Metrics

Current Status of Indicators by County Week Ending Oct 17

	Leading Indicator	Secondary Indicators		
County	New COVID-19 Cases (7 days avg. per 100K pop)	Percent Test Positivity	New COVID-19 Hospital Admissions (7 days avg. per 100K pop)	Percent COVID-like illness hospital ED visits
Connecticut	9.9	2.0%	0.7	2.3%
Fairfield	9.0	2.4%	0.7	2.8%

Questions & Comments

