

New Hartford Public Schools
Reopening Committee Meeting
Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting:

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In Attendance: Brian Murphy, Amy Ouellette, Janet Terenzi, Linda Fitzgerald, Marie Kitch, Michael Decerbo, Paul Carmen, Sarah Gaedeke, Amanda Shaw, Jen Harris, Kelly Carroll, Jim McMellon, Barbara McLean, Jennifer Kertanis

Absent: Heather Mathes, Tara Ljubuncic, John Pollutro, Tom Buzzi

Brian Murphy opened the meeting at 1:03 p.m. and thanked the Committee members for their all their hard work.

Jim McMellon updated the Committee on the increased safety precautions Dattco is taking so students and drivers remain safe. All students and drivers MUST wear masks. Handrails and seat tops will be cleaned after the Regional School 7 drop-off. After New Hartford school drop-off, buses will be cleaned completely. The same procedures will be taken for the afternoon. If anyone enters the bus while housed at Dattco, the bus will be cleaned down. Every bus will have a sign that states, "This bus has been cleaned." If the sign is not on the bus, the driver will wipe the bus down.

1. Farmington Valley Health District – Jennifer Kertanis from the Farmington Valley Health District extended a thank you for the work this committee has done and she appreciates their efforts. She stated that the State Department of Education and the State Department of Health have developed key metrics to help guide decision for in-person, hybrid, and remote learning. Ms. Kertanis then discussed the Leading and Secondary Indicators of COVID-19 Infection Levels for the Farmington Valley District. These indicators will be used for consideration for the type of learning model for school reopening in Connecticut. Low indicators < 10 new cases per 100,000 population favors more In-Person Learning. Moderate Indicators 10 to <25 new cases per 100,000 population favors moving to Hybrid Learning. High Indicators are 25+ new cases per 100,000 favors moving to Remote Learning. Secondary Indicators include percent of positivity rate, number of new COVID-19 hospitalizations per 100,000 populations and COVID-like and Influenza-like Symptom Surveillance. Ms. Kertanis said that FVHD would continue to track cases in school-aged children and will alert schools.

2. Next Steps – Brian Murphy will be presenting the Reopening Plan to the Board of Education at tonight's Special Meeting at 6:00 p.m. The Reopening Plan is on the District website.

3. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

Janet Terenzi
Recording Secretary