

Superintendent's PIE

November 12, 2021

9:00 A.M.

Remote Meeting Held on Zoom

- I. Superintendent Brad Crozier began the meeting by welcoming the community members present, passing along a few updates, and explaining the procedures for the meeting.
 1. Sudbury Public Schools is hosting a vaccination clinic for students ages 5-11. All 150 slots were signed up for by parents within the first hour of availability. We are also requesting additional slots from DPH for this clinic as well as another clinic date in the near future.
 2. The Department of Education has extended the indoor mask mandate to January 15, 2022. Superintendent Crozier reminded parents that this mask mandate has been successful in keeping our Covid positive numbers low.
 3. We would like to extend a big thank you to our Sudbury families for their participation in Covid-19 pool testing. Pool testing has been a successful program for our town, with approximately 85% of families participating in the program. There are some surrounding towns that have yet to institute a pool testing program, and some towns have low participation rates.
 4. Pool testing in schools has shown approximately 1% of pools as positive, upon which students in the positive pool can be re-tested with a rapid result test . Our test and stay program has allowed students to remain in class despite being a close contact. We thank CIC Health for providing staff and supplies to help support our Covid-19 testing programs.
 5. The budget planning process for fiscal year 2023 is proceeding as normal. Student enrollment is being projected to calculate our FY23 budget needs. The

Superintendent's office is meeting with cost centers to determine needs, and funds can be reallocated if necessary.

II. Questions from Participants

1. What is the path to unmasking the district? How will the process play out in the coming year?
 - i. The state will allow the town to petition for an exception to the mask mandate if we have Covid-19 vaccination rates above 80%. Masking is an important step in keeping the spread of Covid-19 low. Students have not been refusing to wear masks during the day and have been receptive to the program.
2. How can the teacher contract negotiations be resolved?
 - i. The teacher contract negotiation process is set forth by the contractual agreement between the unions and the school committee. The negotiation process is proceeding as normal. Teacher contracts expired on June 30, 2021. According to language in the existing contract, all contractual agreements will remain in place until a new contract is agreed upon.
3. Why is Covid-19 testing not an option for unvaccinated school volunteers?
 - i. Sudbury Public Schools requires all school volunteers to be vaccinated. SPS is not allowed to use the rapid tests provided by the State for volunteers. Staffing is not available to track volunteer test results on a daily basis.
4. How can we obtain vaccination rates for SPS students?
 - i. Vaccination rate data is not currently available on our Covid-19 online dashboard. We are looking into a process to track this data through the DPH.
5. How is the enforcement of the new dress code policy at Curtis Middle School?
 - i. The dress code policy was recently updated to reflect school appropriate clothing with a focus on health and

safety of the students. Professional development has allowed staff to be further trained on new policy changes, and will continue throughout the year. Families may also need time to adjust to new policy changes.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:40 AM. The next PIE meeting will be on December 9, 2021, at 5:00 PM. The remote meeting link will be sent via email the week of the meeting.