



# North Stonington Public Schools

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Dear Parents of the North Stonington School District:

The Board of Education wanted to give a brief update of where we are to date in reviewing our School Reopening plan. Mr. Nero highlighted the work that has been happening around this in his attached letter. First, I want to thank Mr. Nero, our Administrators and our teachers for all of their work in providing a safe environment in which to teach our students.

The Reopening Task force met last Monday and took feedback on our current hybrid model and what our next steps might be. We sent out a survey to parents and after feedback, sent out an updated survey, with the goal of finding out how parents feel about returning to school full time. We have also surveyed the staff.

The Board of Education met on Wednesday, September 30, to revisit the reopening plans and to discuss the possibility of how and when we might be able to safely reopen. The District had previously submitted our plan to the State which outlined 3 Learning Models. The first, Full Return, the second, Hybrid, and the third, a Full Remote Distance Model. We want to be sure we are prepared to be flexible and to move to any of these models as the data and circumstances change around us. Our goal was to be prepared for a full return in the upcoming weeks if the situation warrants it. We also want to be sure we are continuing to learn and adapt our current hybrid model to be sure we are meeting the needs of all students. Communities around us are needing to respond to the ever-changing COVID-19 numbers and we also want to be prepared to react quickly should the need arise, making sure our Distance Model is ready.

The Board of Education is meeting again on October 7 at 6:00 p.m. to revisit these models and to take feedback and recommendations from the Superintendent and Administrators. We want to support their needs in any way possible to be sure our staff and students remain safe in this uncertain environment. Please join us by Zoom; we appreciate public comment and look forward to hearing from the community. Stay safe and have a great weekend.

Sincerely,

*Christine Wagner*

Christine Wagner, Chairperson  
Board of Education