



## North Stonington Public Schools

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Dear North Stonington Public Schools families,

There isn't a lot new to report about in this week's update. We are all continuing to wait for VAMS to announce when school staff will be able to schedule their vaccinations. The good news is that other companies such as Johnson & Johnson will be asking the FDA for approval for their COVID vaccine while other companies continue to develop and conduct trials.

A reminder of our plans moving forward. The Board of Education directed me to meet with the administrators and department heads to review our previous full-in plan that we developed late last fall. They asked that we amend it, if necessary, and resubmit a new plan. Given that, everyone worked diligently to find the plan that works best; last week we presented the plan to the BOE and after discussion, the reopening Plan was unanimously approved.

As a reminder, the Reopening Plan which is posted on our website includes the following phasing to a full-in fulltime:

- Beginning Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, all North Stonington Public Schools students will return to a full-in schedule four-days per week, on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. For the benefit of a gradual transition back and for students who will need a small group setting or one-to-one support, Wednesday will continue be, as it has been, a virtual day.
- Beginning Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, all North Stonington Public Schools students will return to a full-in schedule five-days per week.

In all instances of the phasing to a full-in, five-days per week schedule, **we offer any student who wants to remain fully virtual can continue in that schedule. In addition, any student who wants to remain in the hybrid can as well.**

**To simplify, for the remainder of the school year, based on a student or family's comfort level, you can choose to be full-in, hybrid or virtual.**

As we have since last June, we will continue to review the town's data and adjust our plan accordingly. On behalf of the administrators and Board of Education, we'd like to thank everyone for your patience as we look forward to returning to a full-return and most importantly, resuming our normal lives.

In other news, you may now sign up to receive the Board of Education meeting agenda and minutes via the town's web site. On the town's main page, under "Quick Access" in the left column, click on "Sign up for News" and make your selections.

Sincerely,

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