

Fall 2020 Back-to-School



Planning Update: July 15, 2020

Planning is Well Underway...

The District is working hard to plan for a safe and smooth return to school in the fall of 2020. At this time we are reviewing all available information and investigating a wide range of scenarios to determine which are most feasible and advantageous to the education of all students.

While no decisions have been made, we will find a way to continue quality education for all of our students while working with the greater community and region to ensure that we are doing all we can to safeguard the health of the public.

End of Year Surveys

How did we do with remote learning?

Parent/Guardian Experiences and Perceptions

Employee Experiences and Perceptions

What worked well and what not as well? How can we improve?

Back to School 2020 Committees and Work Groups

Governance Committee

Teaching and Learning Committee

Operations and Logistics Committee

- Smaller work groups are established depending upon specific topic and issues.

Summer 2020 Surveys

Preliminary Parent/Guardian Survey - designed to gather information to help the District understand how many students may not return on-site and how many may (or may not) access transportation.

Phone Survey of Employees - designed to determine how many employees have barriers or concerns about returning to on-site work and how many do not.

Parents/Guardians will also be contacted later in the summer.

Three Broad Scenarios Under Consideration

- **Full return** to school with new practices and routines; some remote instruction will take place by necessity for some teachers/students.
- Provide a **combination of on-site and remote learning** to all students (referred to as a hybrid model) (some may remain fully remote if needed).
- **Remote learning continues** due to significant barriers presented by COVID-19 or we are mandated to close.

Why the delay in decision-making?

Districts across New Hampshire are awaiting formal guidance from the State (the Governor and the Department of Health and Human Services) that will hopefully give us the parameters we need to move forward and plan in a more detailed way. We are hoping to get answers to important questions such as:

What will social distancing requirements be?

Will students be required to wear masks and, if so, what are the specific requirements?

Can transportation and the schools operate at full capacity?

What we *do* know...

- We plan to abide by orders and recommendations from the Governor and DHHS, and will consider CDC guidelines. **This information is crucial to our planning.**
- We need to be prepared to transition from on-site learning to remote learning and back again at very short notice.
- There will be students and staff members who need to continue remote learning due to health concerns - so we need to build our capacity to provide 'hybrid' services.
- Attending to the social-emotional needs of students and building new school routines will be key to our success this fall.
- We are committed to finding solutions that will serve all students effectively, and look forward to opening school this fall!

Additional Information

- This is a challenging time for everyone involved, but we have a committed community and dedicated employees who will do whatever it takes to make sure the students of Raymond can succeed during this atypical time.
- As soon as formal guidance from the State is issued, it will be carefully examined and the best possible range of decisions will be determined based on the context of our own community and health protections.
- Our target is to present a plan to the School Board at the August 5th meeting; once a plan is approved final preparations and more refined problem solving will take place.