

March 17, 2021

Dear HHS students and parents/guardians:

Our Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Austin, delivered a proposal to the School Committee on Monday night that called for **significant increases to in-person learning** for all secondary students in Hingham next month. This came as welcome news to many of us who are eager to welcome more students back to school.

As we prepare for the next steps, **please complete [this survey](#) by next Wednesday, March 24th**. It's essential that we hear back from all HHS families. We face many logistical challenges, and we're excited to tackle that work, but we need to know how many students will take advantage of the expanded in-person opportunities.

The full details of a revised HHS schedule are still in development but we will know more soon. You can expect to receive additional messages about this subject during the days and weeks ahead. I will also host an open "Q & A" forum on [Zoom](#) on Monday, March 22nd, at 4 PM.

Although this next phase will fall short of a full return to normal, given the reality of an ongoing pandemic that demands significant safety protocols, it represents an unmistakable sign of progress. In partnership with an incredible faculty and staff, I can't wait to take those next steps together with all of you.

Sincerely,

**Rick Swanson
Principal**