



## **District Reopening Planning Updates**

**Presented to the Hingham School Committee**

**December 21, 2020**

# Overview

- Foster Relocation
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# Foster Relocation

- St. Jerome (Foster North) will house Foster grades 1 and 2 effective February 1, 2020
  - Ensures that all classrooms are in proper instructional spaces
  - Provides classroom space back to all specialist teachers
  - Restores school-based use of presentation room, cafeteria, library, and computer lab at Foster
- Foster North will maintain the same start and end time as Foster
- Additional Information will be forthcoming in January from Principal Wilcox about:
  - Drop-off/pick-up procedures
  - Transition Q and A sessions etc.

# Revised Phased Re-Entry: Phase 2.1

Effective: January 11, 2021

- Students in **kindergarten** classes across the district will return to school five days per week (Monday - Friday), 4 hours per day.
- Kindergarten will maintain 5-6 feet of social distancing
  - Given current enrollment, we will be able to maintain 6-feet of distancing in most classes.
- Students in **grades 1 & 2** will begin to attend in-person on Wednesday, January 13, 2021.
  - Alternating weekly between cohort A and B
    - Week 1: Cohort A: 3 days, Cohort B: 2 days
    - Week 2: Cohort A: 2 days, Cohort B: 3 days
- All elementary classrooms to be equipped with air purifiers as an added precaution.

# Revised Phased Re-Entry: Phase 2.2

No sooner than **February 1**, 2021 **AND** a minimum of 3 weeks of Town of Hingham in “Gray or Green” **AND** no evidence of school-based transmission:

- Students in **Grades 1 & 2** will return to school five days per week (Monday - Friday), 4 hours per day.
- Additional students will required a change to 3-6 feet of social distancing
- Students in **grades 3, 4, & 5** will begin to attend in-person on Wednesday's
  - Alternating weekly between cohort A and B
    - Week 1: Cohort A: 3 days, Cohort B: 2 days
    - Week 2: Cohort A: 2 days, Cohort B: 3 days
- As previously stated, all elementary classrooms to be equipped with air purifiers

# Revised Phased Re-Entry: Phase 2.2

No sooner than **March 1**, 2021 **AND** a minimum of 3 weeks of Town of Hingham in “Gray or Green” **AND** no school-based transmission:

- Students in Grades **3**, **4**, and **5** will return to school five days per week (Monday - Friday), 4 hours per day.
- Will will need to change to 3-6 feet of social distancing
- Again, all elementary classrooms to be equipped with air purifiers

# Secondary Considerations

Effective: January 11, 2021

- Secondary principals, in collaboration with classroom teachers, will begin a process to bring more students into in-person learning on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.
- Predicated on:
  - Class size and enrollment
  - Maintenance of 6-feet of physical distancing
- Shall prioritize:
  - Special education students, students on 504 plans, homeless or foster care students, ELL
  - Students whose grades have dropped by a full letter grade or more between terms, and/or students who have identified social emotional concerns

# Final Thoughts/Questions/Comments

Thank you to our educators, the HEA, staff, School Committee, parents, students and town officials who have supported our efforts to increase in-person learning for our students.

We recognize that the pandemic has challenged us all in different ways, but we will continue to strive to do what is in best interest of the entire Hingham Public School Community.

Thank you everyone for your hard work and perseverance.

We will take questions now