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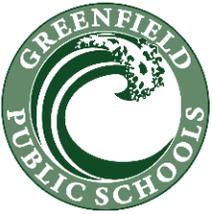
MEMORANDUM

TO: Greenfield School Committee Members
FROM: Dr. Judith Houle, Interim Superintendent of Schools
DATE: March 18, 2021
RE: Return to In-Person Learning Plan

Our In-Person Learning Command has worked through a number of issues necessary to move forward with in-person learning and have developed the following proposed plan:

1. Students in grades PK-4 will return to in-person learning on Monday, April 5, 2021, in accordance with the Commissioner of Education’s directive of March 9, 2021. A waiver to have grade 5 postponed to the opening with middle school is being processed.
2. Students in grades 5-12 will return to in-person learning on Wednesday, April 28, 2021, in accordance with the Commissioner of Education’s directive of March 9, 2021 to reopen middle schools. Our IPL Command agrees that bringing back our GHS students in order to maximize in-person opportunities at the same time as GMS is what is in the best interest of students.
3. Proposed school hours as follows, in accordance with structured learning time requirements, as outlined in the Commissioner of Education’s plan approved by the Massachusetts Board of Elementary and Secondary Education on March 4, 2021:
 - a. AEL: 8:30 am-2:55 pm, following the half-day sessions and full-day sessions schedule as was established pre-pandemic. Students will proceed directly from buses and drop-off/walker entry areas to the classroom – grab and go breakfast will be available.
 - b. Discovery School at Four Corners, Federal Street School, and Newton School: 8:30 am -2:55 pm. Students will proceed directly from buses and drop-off/walker entry areas to the classroom – grab and go breakfast will be available.
 - c. Greenfield Middle School: 7:40 am-2:20 pm. Students will proceed directly from the Sanderson Street entrance to designated classrooms and/or large areas with physical distancing and supervision for grab and go breakfast will be available. Classes will start at 7:55 am.
 - d. Greenfield High School: 7:15 am-2:10 pm. Students will proceed directly from the Event Entrance to designated large areas with physical distancing and supervision for grab and go breakfast will be available. Classes will start at 7:45 am.
4. Physical distance of 6 feet between students and between staff members will be followed. In cases where this may not be feasible, protective barriers will be deployed in accordance with Massachusetts Department of Health (DPH) and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines.

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5. Lunches will be served as a grab and go, classroom-friendly option, to allow for eating in either classrooms or in cafeterias as space allows in each of the schools.
 6. Masks will be required and worn per the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education’s (DESE) guidelines and School Committee policy, with noted exceptions for medical/behavioral reasons. Students will be afforded mask breaks during the day with proper ventilation, physical distancing, and outdoors whenever possible, as well during eating times with the same precautions in place. Some revisions to the GPS mask-wearing policy will be put forward for a decision prior to the start date for a return to in-person learning based on updated guidance from DESE.
 7. Pooled testing will begin the week of March 22, 2021 for all employees and families who consent to testing. Protocols for following up on positive results, including individual testing and contact tracing will be followed per DPH.
 8. Cleaning protocols in accordance DPH and CDC guidelines will be followed.
 9. PPE will be available to staff, following DPH and CDC guidelines, upon request.
 10. Protocols for isolating students/staff who may present COVID-19 symptoms will be followed per DPH and CDC guidelines. If a positive result of testing is found, appropriate protocols will be followed for removal, cleaning, contact tracing and further requests to quarantine impacted individuals will be followed.
 11. Air purifier units will be placed in all spaces requiring support to reach required levels of air circulation.
 12. Technology will be deployed to teaching and learning for students both in-person and for families who choose to remain remote for the remainder of the school year. Students who are returning to in-person learning and have GPS equipment loaned to them during the pandemic will be expected to bring that equipment with them to school when they return.
 13. Transportation will be offered, following all protocols as set forth in the Commissioner of Education’s guidance of February 11, 2021. This includes windows open for ventilation, mandated masking, assigned seating, and following all cleaning protocols. Our transportation providers are working on scheduling their runs based on the school schedules proposed above.

A follow-up survey of parents will be sent out early next week, so that final choices will be solidified as we work to implement the plan.

I would like to express my gratitude to the members of our IPL teams to develop this plan in a very short amount of time. The collaboration of all has made getting to this point possible. I look forward to your input and decision at tonight’s meeting.

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