



NMRSD Update Saturday, August 8, 2020

Frequently Asked Questions

As you can imagine administration and school committee members continue to receive questions on topics such as the status of teacher negotiations, extracurricular activities, cohort confirmations, and air quality to name a few. Even the actual model and start date are not definite as the reopening model must be negotiated with our local teachers' association (which is true in all school districts across the Commonwealth).

Where responding to each email in detail is not possible due to the sheer volume, we are updating the FAQs on a regular basis to address questions that we are able to answer. Please know that questions that are not addressed in the FAQ are not being ignored and are questions that currently cannot be answered due to the executive session nature of negotiations or are questions that cannot be answered at this time, as much continues to be unknown in a situation that is truly fluid.

You can find a copy of the [FAQ here](#) and on the district website.

Air Quality

I have attached the District's Cleaning/Disinfecting Action Plan, which along with our full Back-To-School Plan covers in detail how the District will be addressing COVID-19 in a manner that will keep our schools as safe and as clean as possible.

In addition, each building's HVAC system is serviced and inspected by outside companies multiple times a year, while also being regularly serviced and monitored by our own staff. The District has changed all pleated filters to the highest rating our system will allow.

Fall 2020 Return Model Confirmation

After receiving requests from multiple families, we are extending the Remote or Hybrid decision from Sunday, August 9th to Wednesday, August 12th. While we realize that this is a difficult decision for many, building administrators and

facilities staff must start preparing, which includes setting up every learning space in the district with the appropriate number of physically distanced desks.

Once all students are accounted for in our confirmation forms, the district will finalize cohorts and contact families during the week of August 17th.

Extracurriculars/Athletics

The District is awaiting a decision from the state regarding “remote learning” and student participation extracurricular activities. As soon as I have that information, I will share it. We also have our own legal counsel addressing the matter. I am hearing that the state will provide information at some point next week.