



**NMRSD Update
Friday, March 5, 2021**

Dear NM Community,

This afternoon, the Board of Education, at Commissioner Riley's recommendation, approved a plan to return to full in-person learning on Monday, April 5th for elementary schools. **At our school committee meeting on Monday, March 1st, the committee voted for a full in-person return for grades K-12.**

The Department of Elementary & Secondary Education plans to release guidance to school districts early next week. Once that information becomes available, district administration will work with building administration, who, in turn, will work with their staff to ensure a smooth transition from full-day hybrid to the full in-person model.

Since my last update announcing this possible transition, we have had several requests from families whose child is either fully remote or homeschooled who have asked to transition into the hybrid model in preparation for April 5th. Due to the amount of planning required for this endeavor, we will not be able to honor any switch in models at this time. All requests should be made on the confirmation form below.

Included in this update, you will find a confirmation form **REQUIRED** for all enrolled families in the district. Families need to confirm enrollment for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school-year.

This form certifies you understand you are choosing a model for the **remainder of the year**, as:

- Fully in-person, five days a week;
- Fully remote; or
- Seeking alternative plans for your child (homeschooling/private school).

You must complete **ONE** form for each of your children.

This form is due no later than 5:00 pm on Monday, 8, 2021, to allow our building principals time to plan classroom spaces and assignments.

The enrollment form will ask for the following information:

1. Student information
2. Bus ridership needs

We continue to ask families to drive their children, if possible, for the remainder of the school year to help maintain social distancing at greater distances.

You can read the questions from the parent community/coffee here, [Parent FAQ April 2021](#), that have come into the district at this time. We will continue to send out information as we receive it from the state. We understand that there may be more questions than answers for exact details, but please know the two key topics:

1. Students will be at a minimum of 3 feet with masks (more if feasible) for learning and 6 feet without masks for eating.
2. If a student is absent (for quarantining or sickness), will they be able to live-stream in for instruction? We are awaiting the state's guidelines on this as there are mixed messages about expectations moving forward.

Please click here to access the form:

[April 2021 Return Model Confirmation](#)
(Please complete one per child)

As always, I will update you as information becomes available. In the meantime, should you have any additional questions, please reach out to the following people:

- Building-Specific Questions - Building Principals
- Plan Questions - Nancy Milligan, nmilligan@nmrsd.org
- Health and Safety Questions - Cathryn Hampson, champson@nmrsd.org
- Other Questions - info@nmrsd.org

Have a great weekend!