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## REGION 15 SCHOOLS 2020-21 REOPENING INFORMATION

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August 9, 2020

Dear Parents, Guardians and Staff,

It's been another challenging week for the Region 15 community. I hope your families are safe and your power has been restored – or will be very soon.

To assist the community, showers will be provided at the Pomperaug High School locker rooms 10-2 on Sunday. All patrons should wear masks when entering or exiting the building. Please follow this link to sign up: <https://forms.gle/k6v5isAs9ESk37kG7>

As a result of the recent storm, our timeline to share our School Reopening Plans with the community has been impacted. Please note the following important dates:

- On **Monday, August 10, 2020, at 6:30pm** we will be sharing our reopening plans at a Board of Education meeting. This can be live streamed through our district [YouTube channel](#), and will be available the following day on our district website.
- On **Tuesday, August 11, 2020**, a survey will be sent to families asking your intent to send your child(ren) to school for in-person instruction per the district's outlined plans and your intent to have your child(ren) ride the school bus to and from school each day. ***We ask that you complete the survey by Friday, August 15, 2020.***
- On **Wednesday, August 12, 2020 from 2:00-3:00**, we will have a public Question and Answer session through our district channel. The session will be recorded and available on our website. If you have any topic you would like discussed that has not already been posted to our website or you would like additional information, please send them to: [SchoolReopening@Region15.org](mailto:SchoolReopening@Region15.org)

### Communication:

Our dedicated district webpage continues to be updated. Added to the webpage this week is an [updated question and answer document](#) regarding school reopening plans. Please note that similar questions have been consolidated. Additional questions can be directed to [SchoolReopening@Region15.org](mailto:SchoolReopening@Region15.org).

### School Reopening / Moving Forward:

Details regarding Region 15 Reopening plans can be found on the district website. As a school community, I ask that you keep informed of the district's plans and as well as updated on information shared at local and state levels. [www.Region15.org/SchoolReopening](http://www.Region15.org/SchoolReopening).

As previously shared, we have received guidance from the State Department of Education and the Office of the Governor regarding indications for a safe reopening of our schools – these factors include looking at the community risk levels and the ability of the district to implement the mitigation strategies.

Many districts across the state and the nation are now sharing their plans to reopen. It is often difficult to compare reopening plans between districts. Many factors including student enrollment, resources, age and structure of buildings, and health trends are critically important and specific to the local school districts. As we

plan to reopen, districts also need to consider the risk factors of keeping students at home. Our focus continues to be on the factors specific to Region 15, our students, our staff, our families and our schools.

We encourage everyone to plan for all potential phases of operation. We do understand the challenges each model presents for families and we hope that by providing families with this information they will have time to develop contingency plans. We are in a very fluid environment and I cannot stress enough that whatever our current path, it is subject to change as health conditions require. It is important for families to have plans for all possible school structures.

I am grateful for your partnership and collaboration as we continue to navigate what continues to be a challenging school year.

Thank you,

Joshua Smith  
Superintendent  
Region 15 Public Schools