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## REGION 15 SCHOOLS 2020-21 REOPENING INFORMATION

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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Staff,

I hope this letter finds you healthy and safe. To our incoming Kindergarten Families, we welcome you to the Region 15 family!

During this past week our Region 15 School Reopening Committee continued to meet to develop Region 15's Draft Reopening Plans for the 2020-21 School Year. Significant work has been completed as work groups examine various options and consider implications for each proposal.

As we plan for the reopening of our schools the School Reopening Committee is committed to:

- The safety, health, and well-being of our students, employees, and families in all our decision-making processes;
- Assuring that equity is at the forefront of all decision making;
- Providing the highest quality instruction possible given the conditions and constraints that may exist;
- Using our resources as strategically as possible as we adapt to ever-changing conditions and requirements; and
- Communicating as frequently as needed to ensure that parents, students, employees and community members remain informed.

As we have experienced over the past few months, conditions can change quickly and we must be prepared to adapt and modify as necessary to ensure the health and safety of our school community and our community at large.

#### COMMUNICATION:

Our dedicated district webpage continues to be updated with documents that are guiding our work:  
[www.Region15.org/SchoolReopening](http://www.Region15.org/SchoolReopening)

Added to the webpage this week:

- [National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine 2020. Reopening K-12 Schools During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Prioritizing Health, Equity, and Communities.](#)

#### SCHOOL REOPENING:

We will be sharing our Draft 2020-21 School Reopening Plans at the Special Meeting of the Region 15 Board of Education (BOE), this **Monday, July 20th, at 6:00pm**. This includes presentations on the 2020-21 School Calendar and School Reopening Plans

- The meeting will be live streamed via our District YouTube Channel:  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxwqDUEa6S4MazyTvzWMU\\_w/live](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxwqDUEa6S4MazyTvzWMU_w/live)

- For Public Comment: Dial Number: 1 (301) 715 - 8592 or 1 (312) 626 - 6799
- The agenda for the July 20th Special BOE meeting can be found [here](#).

Presentations shared at the July 20th, 2020 BOE Meeting and a recording of the BOE meeting will be posted on our dedicated School Reopening webpage following the meeting.

MOVING FORWARD:

As always, our success as a school system depends on the collaboration and support of parents, students, employees and community members.

At the end of July, a survey will be sent to families regarding their thoughts on returning to school, transportation, and student social and emotional well-being.

I want to thank you in advance for assisting in our planning efforts by staying informed and sharing your feedback. If you have additional information that you would like to share with the Region 15 Reopening Committee, please use this email address: [SchoolReopening@Region15.org](mailto:SchoolReopening@Region15.org).

Thank you for your partnership, flexibility, and support as we work through this process together.

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