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## REGIONAL 15 SCHOOLS 2020-21 REOPENING INFORMATION

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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Staff,

This week we have shared with our staff and community Region 15's three phases of plans focused on reopening our schools. Our district's Reopening Schools plan is linked in this email and can be found on our district website. This draft plan was sent to the Connecticut State Department of Education as requested by the Commissioner of Education.

I would also like to emphasize that according to Governor Lamont and Department of Education Commissioner Cardona, the current full in-person return to school approach, is just one of three possible models under which schools will reopen and is subject to change based on health data trends at the local, regional or state levels. I can not emphasize the importance of all of us to remain flexible and adaptable as we continue to plan for the coming school year.

We recognize the challenges this brings and we will continue to share with you the most updated information and the potential impact to our school community.

No matter which phase of learning we return to in the fall, we are excited to start a new school year and we look forward to seeing students again!

### Communication:

Our dedicated district webpage continues to be updated with documents that are guiding our plans:

[www.Region15.org/SchoolReopening](http://www.Region15.org/SchoolReopening)

Added to the webpage this week:

- [2020-21 Reopening Our Schools Presentation \(DRAFT\)](#)
- [7/20/20 BOE Meeting Video - School Reopening Presentation](#)
- [2020-21 Reopening Our Schools Plan \(DRAFT\)](#)

### School Reopening:

We have created a working document that answers questions about our School Reopening plans.

[School Reopening Questions and Answers Document](#)

### Important Notes:

- Questions and answers will be added to this document as we receive them.

- Answers are subject to change as new information is received from the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE), Pomperaug and Torrington Departments of Public Health, or Governor Lamont's office.
- Answers to some questions will be decisions made by medical and health professionals. While we can speak in general, those decisions or decision metrics will not be made by the school district.
- If you have questions about school reopening that have not been addressed yet, please email: [SchoolReopening@Region15.org](mailto:SchoolReopening@Region15.org)

### Moving Forward:

I want to thank you for staying informed and sharing your feedback, your thoughts and concerns help to inform our planning efforts.

In the coming weeks:

- School Principals will be sending out additional information about how the plan applies to each of their buildings.
- There are still many aspects of the plan that will keep evolving, we will continue to update the community as we get closer to the beginning of the school year.
- A survey will be sent to families regarding their thoughts on returning to school, transportation, and student social and emotional well being.

I continue to express my gratitude for our partnership. I am confident in our ability to work through the challenges ahead with the collective capacity of our community.

Thank you,

Joshua Smith  
Superintendent  
Region 15 Public Schools