

# Proposed Submission to DESE

Plan for Opening of School

Presented to LS School Committee

August 13, 2020

# Feedback on initial plan

- Plan filed July 31, 2020
- Commissioner's Conference Call
- Generic feedback provided

# August 14th Submission

- Superintendent's Letter
- Executive Summary
  - Highlights of proposed model for opening of school

# Our highest priority

The safe return of as many students as possible to in-person school, to maximize learning under novel and challenging circumstances and to address our students' emotional and physical well being.

# New info since July 31

- Hybrid and remote learning plans have been further refined
- LSRLA enrollment established
- Responses to 4-day in-person model
- Staff requests to continue to work remotely
- Remote Learning, Time and Learning, and Social and Emotional Guidance
- Request for waiver for Time and Learning Requirement

# Significant Challenges to implementation

- Balancing scheduling needs of students and staff
- Limiting additional burden to staff working in-person
- Advocacy for resources such as testing
- Timing of guidance received
- Staying current with data and research
- Managing emotions and anxiety

## Take note...

We must fully anticipate the need for frequent re-evaluation and affirmation of how we will operate school for learning throughout the entire coming year. We must be prepared to be flexible. I urge our families to plan as best they can to maintain flexibility as well.

# My recommendation

- Open with a hybrid learning model
  - Best to bring students in-person if and while we can
  - It will allow us time to get to know our students in the event we need to switch to all remote learning
- Under any proposed learning model students will not have all options as they would have in a non-COVID year.
  - Scheduling is significantly challenging
  - While students may be in-person, some of their teachers may not.
- We should plan for a possible switch no later than after Thanksgiving
  - Start stop protocols will be extremely challenging
  - Returning college students
  - Inability to use outdoors
  - Tents will need to come down



# Increased need for staffing, supplies, and expenses

- Safety compliance monitors
- Instructional aides
- Part-time day custodian
- Permanent building subs
- Increased supplies to lessen sharing
- PPE (face shields, KN95 masks)
- Higher energy costs
- Technological devices
- Training (summer plus fall days)
- Transportation?
- Testing?