

Good afternoon

Thank you to all of our families who participated in the survey about your plans for school attendance in the fall. While many of you have made decisions there are still a number of families still making your decision. I hope that the information we can provide through the next few weeks will help in your decision making. We will have an online form that will be shared in the next week or two for those of you who are not planning to return to school. It will help us ensure we plan for all of our students.

Our subcommittees are continuing to plan for students to return in the fall. As you may recall, every district is required to create three plans: full attendance, a hybrid plan to reduce the number of students in the buildings and a full remote plan. The full attendance and hybrid models involve many factors and each format creates its own unique challenges.

To this point we have made plans including:

- The purchase of masks for those students who have masks that get dirty or break during the day; although all students will be required to wear a mask on the bus and to school
- Installation of touchless faucets and paper towel holders in rest rooms
- Purchase of hand sanitizer for classrooms, offices and all other occupied spaces in all buildings
- Allowing students to eat lunch outside of their classrooms. We are able to either vary lunch waves or use multiple spaces in the buildings to ensure students are at least 6ft apart for meals, when they will have their masks off.
- Videos which will be placed on line regarding how to put on and take off masks the proper way to minimize the spread of germs
- Circles for all classrooms designed to help students express their feelings about returning to school, the school closure and dealing with losses due to the pandemic. We recognize that many of our students have been and will continue to struggle with the emotions related to this situation.

There are many more elements to the plan coming together and more information will be shared by next Friday.

Please be sure to explore the resources we have for students and families on our **“Social Emotional Resources”** link on the website at [www.eastwindsork12.org](http://www.eastwindsork12.org).

The strategies and information will hopefully ease the conversations with your children, and offer ways to practice skills they will need as we re-enter school. We will continue to update these resources as we move through the phases of re-opening our schools.

**!! One critical item as we plan to re-enter school, is for all families to ensure their contact information and address are correct. We need accurate information to plan for**

transportation and to ensure we can reach you in case of illness or updates about school. If you have moved or changed your phone number it is critical that you contact your child's school as soon as possible. !!

If you have questions or comments, please continue to share those with me or your child's building administrator. We want to hear from you so we can consider your ideas or concerns as we plan.

Thank you so much

Christine

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