

TRSD Public Form on the Return to School - 8/11/2020

Answered Questions:

MR 07:17 PM

Can you clarify how many cohort groups each elementary teacher would be responsible for?

Lucy Canotas 07:27 PM

Each Elementary teacher will have one class, as usual, and will move from in person to remote instruction with that class. Therefore, elementary teachers will have one cohort.

Alicia Thomas 07:18 PM

If an elementary student is in a fully remote model would the student be watching a live stream of a classroom or would the student be interacting with a teacher and peers who are all participating remotely?

Lucy Canotas 07:29 PM

We are still gathering data to be able to directly answer this question, but our intent is to have a teacher who teachers students who are fully remote through a remote model. Therefore, students will have peers and a teacher to participate with, but these will not be peers in the school building where the student needs to live stream in.

Paul Blair 07:21 PM

arent we at an extremely low rate. 0.3%

when recommended is .1%

This question has been answered live

Dr Melissa Marr 07:22 PM

Dr Farrah had we decided that if it was all in one school we could just close the one building?

Kimberly Farah 07:26 PM

Yes

frank cornelius 07:26 PM

We need medical or state guidance and not school board members picking a number out of the sky

Kimberly Farah 07:29 PM

We had town health officers and nurses on the task force. We are still waiting on the state for guidance and will defer to that guidance when it becomes available.

kristen 07:26 PM

After the survey, are there enough student's deciding to go remote that we have the capacity to have the cohort option? You mentioned that 30% of the students would have to decide to stay remote in order to do that.

Kimberly Farah 07:30 PM

There is capacity to do the cohort option.

Stacey 07:26 PM

What is the % of families that chose 100% remote? That survey already went out

Kimberly Farah 07:31 PM

Private answer

We have not asked families to commit yet. It appears to be 20-25%

Alicia Thomas 07:27 PM

If choosing to go remote does an elementary student get put in a classroom with his/her grade level peers with his/her grade level teacher? If for trimester 2 the student goes back to the building would that student keep the same teacher and classmates?

Lucy Canotas 07:33 PM

We are still gathering data to be able to directly answer this question, but our intent is to have a teacher who teachers students who are fully remote through a remote model. This might require grade span but the student will interact with like aged peers and be instructed by a qualified teacher. If a student is remote trimester 1 and returns to school in a cohort model for trimester 2, they will likely be joining a new teacher and class but this depends on how the data changes.

Lisa Childers 07:27 PM

What would be the remote learning expectations of a 1st grader? Would they need to be in front of the computer live throughout the day?

Lucy Canotas 07:36 PM

We have developed a schedule where students will engage in social/emotional learning through a daily morning meeting (about 15 mins), then three core contents (math, reading, and writing). Each of these lesson sections will allow for approximately 15 mins. of direct instruction and up to an hour of some whole class or small groups or individual instruction. Our model is spread out throughout the day but we do not expect students to sit in front of the computer all day. Students will be provided with on and offline practice as well as movement breaks and times to connect with their teacher and peers.

Ellissa Miguel 07:29 PM

How will one elementary teachers hold online class for kids that are at home while still teaching kids in class?

Lucy Canotas 08:53 PM

All students within an elementary teacher's class will be on the same schedule. A teacher will not be holding online and in person at the same time at the elementary level. We will have a

reduced number of students in buildings based on cohorts which allows for a class to spread over a larger space so their community will be together for the five days.

ALO 07:29 PM

early years k-2 ----remote learning will it be more interactive than the spring?

Lucy Canotas 08:11 PM

Remote learning will include synchronous learning several times through each day as well as increased interaction with teachers and peers.

SL 07:30 PM

- Sandown Central is the only building in the district with AM & PM sessions for Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten. What considerations are being made regarding cleaning and disinfecting in between morning and afternoon sessions? How will children be divided into cohorts while maintaining smaller class sizes to follow CDC guidelines? Between the four Preschool & Pre-Kindergarten teachers, there are 12 classroom groups of students who cycle through the building. (Preschool has classes: M/W morning, T/Th morning, T/Th afternoon, W/F afternoon; and Pre-Kindergarten has classes M-Th morning and T-F afternoon.)

Lucy Canotas 07:39 PM

Sandown Central does have a schedule for Pre-K that follows a cohort model. The AM and PM sessions will not attend school in person on the same days. Our Preschool (3 year olds) will be attending 2 half days in person still. Those two classrooms will be cleaned between the AM and PM sessions each day.

SL 07:31 PM

- Transportation: Will bus monitors be provided on all buses to help support bus drivers with social distancing, mask wearing, and sanitizing so that the drivers can focus on safely transporting students to/from school?

Sandra Hodkins 07:51 PM

It is important for our drivers to focus on driving safely. Having monitors on the bus is being considered and will be looked at closely on an as needed basis.

Jen B 07:32 PM

In a 100% learning model: Will synchronous learning be DEFINITE or a "potential" if we are fully remote? Will the teacher be available via zoom for the full school day?

Lucy Canotas 07:46 PM

Synchronous learning is a component of our plan. Yes, it is expected. Teachers will be providing direct instruction and offer office hours for students to meet individually or in small groups, in addition to the time assigned for each class in the schedule.

ALO 07:32 PM

google classrooms does not provide enough live interaction- how will you address this? I am not hearing a difference between the crisis learning of the spring and the new proposed RL model

Lucy Canotas 07:46 PM

Zoom or Google meet can be used for live interaction.

Ken Henderson 07:49 PM

Google Meet is now built into Google Classroom.

Stacey 07:35 PM

Will sports happend in either model?

Kristin Savage 07:50 PM

NHIAA will dictate in the first instance if sports are happening. If allowed by NHIAA, our district will have to determine how we proceed with sports

Laura Murray 07:36 PM

Timberlane was one of the few districts who wrote a memo of understanding between the district and TTA. As a result the spring instruction (remote 1.0) was VERY LIMITED and kids rarely saw their teachers or peers. Is that memo of understanding still in place? If so, remote 2.0 will be a repeat remote 1.0

Lucy Canotas 07:48 PM

That MOU ended on June 30th.

jblair 07:37 PM

Why not utilize open spaces (gymnasiums, cafeteria...) to accommodate space needed for social distancing?

Lucy Canotas 07:49 PM

These spaces will be utilized when available. One note though is we would need to deep clean between groups using the area.

Dr Melissa Marr 07:38 PM

PDF,inc in Haverhill has offered to supply and price match for plexiglass barriers

Kristin Savage 07:51 PM

Thank you, we will share this with facilities / Gary Paradis

Jeanmarie 07:40 PM

Cdc has guidance for levels of mitigation based on community infection rates. When CDC and/or DHHS comes out with what those rates are (beyond "minimal, moderate, controlled, uncontrolled" will we adjust our metrics/mode accordingly

This question has been answered live

LO 07:41 PM

Will there be UA classes as well in remote learning for middle school?

Lucy Canotas 07:51 PM

Yes, any scheduled course/class will remain in a remote learning model.

Jessica Oljey 07:42 PM

What is the districts plan for tuition expectations for preschool with a hybrid model? Many parents don't intend to pay the district for reduced capacity.

Lucy Canotas 07:58 PM

Our 3 year olds will still have two half days in person. The only change is for full day peer partners. We will be offering those students the normal half day program with that tuition cost (\$1,100) so that they do not cross cohorts of students. Our 4 year olds will also receive a full program, 2 days in person and 2 days remote. There will also be a change to full day peer partners for the same reason previously stated. That will decrease the tuition for those peer partners.

jblair 07:42 PM

Having two first graders, how will individual time (non synchronized learning time frames) work for children who haven't even learned to read yet?

Lucy Canotas 08:12 PM

Students will not be required to read to complete their work. These students will receive instruction and then clear directions, as well as online support by a teacher, for each practice activity.

TeresaA 07:44 PM

What does full remote look like for pre-k 4 day a week students?

Lucy Canotas 08:04 PM

Full remote will include direct instruction through live sessions with the teacher, as well as follow up activities. These sessions might be 1:1 or small groups.

ALO 07:44 PM

will families be able to decide which cohort? how do you decide CA or CB? what if a family needs a specific schedule to accommodate work?

This question has been answered live

Dr Melissa Marr 07:45 PM

So are we saying that it will be ok to play sports even if we are fully remote??????

Kimberly Farah 07:49 PM

My guess is there would be no sports at that time. We are talking about students that are choosing remote when the blended approach is also available.

Jeanmarie 07:45 PM

If we select blended model, is that also a commitment for the semester/trimester?

Kristin Savage 08:06 PM

it is a commitment for the grading period once you start

ALO 07:48 PM

in either model will students remain with same class/peers/teachers (Elementary level) so that relationships can form or will this fluctuate

Lucy Canotas 08:14 PM

This will only change if a family request changes. If a student starts in remote only, they will be in a class with a remote teacher/peers. If this student (family) chooses to join the cohort model after trimester 1, they may be required to join a new teacher/class.

TeresaA 07:48 PM

How are specials being fit into elementary fully remote learning this time around?

Lucy Canotas 08:06 PM

It will be one session per day but students will receive the same UA for two weeks.

ALO 07:49 PM

lots of questions here but efforts are appreciated.

Kristin Savage 07:55 PM

thank you - we are trying to answer thru written answers and live

Ben 07:50 PM

Do v-lacs grades count towards your gpa?

Kristin Savage 07:54 PM

yes - they go on your transcript

Kayla Apitz 07:51 PM

Will students on IEPs have regular school work plus IEP work? example- my middle school child would normally use Spanish block for IEP services. will my children be expected to take all class and complete iep work?

Lucy Canotas 08:07 PM

Students at the MS will follow the schedule they were given and not be expected to pick up new courses.

Stacey 07:54 PM

Does the school board have enough information and data to make a decision in 2 days?

Kristin Savage 08:49 PM

this is a fluid situation as we all know and something could change in a moment's notice, but based on the information we have now, it is the intent to vote on 8/13 as scheduled to allow our district to move forward

mark 07:56 PM

My sports take place in middle and high school?

Kristin Savage 08:00 PM

NHIAA will dictate if sports can occur. If they allow it (which they currently are beginning Sept 8th) then our district will review our ability to offer sports.

Kevin Borba 07:58 PM

Are teachers and the district prepared to work with working parents and parents of multiple children who may take longer and need to use the weekend to get some work done?

Lucy Canotas 08:15 PM

Absolutely! We need to work together.

ALO 07:58 PM

will this recording be available to refer back to?

Kristin Savage 08:00 PM

yes - it usually takes a couple of days but it will be posted to the School Board site once available.

Dawn 07:58 PM

Will full time kindergarten students be expected to pay full price tuition when they will not be attending those classes full time? If they are going part time will they be free since part time kindergarten has no charge?

Lucy Canotas 08:09 PM

At this time we expect to offer a full day Kindergarten program through a cohort model. The teacher will provide in person instruction 2 days a week and remote instruction to his/her class 3 days a week. Tuition will remain the same unless we cannot offer a full program.

Katie 08:00 PM

I might have missed this being discussed but if they do end up going to school 2 days per week are buses an option or will parents need to drive them in? If no buses then will there be a system with coordinated times for pick ups so parents can avoid waiting in long lines for pick up?

Sandra Hodkins 08:06 PM

Buses will be running with limited capacity due to social distancing on the bus. 1 student per seat and siblings can sit together. Capacity will be 13 - 20 students. We will ask parents to transport if possible so that we have space for those students who definitely need bus transportation. We will adjust routing according to who is riding or not. With the blended model we are already dividing the number of riders and with families choosing full remote this will also help with the number of students who will be on a bus.

Heather Rosati 08:01 PM

Alternatively, would it be possible to have all start at 9am instead of all start at 830?

Lucy Canotas 08:18 PM

We are looking at ways to accommodate those who want a full remote day of instruction and those who want to start at 9 and/or end by 2.

Jen B 08:01 PM

How often will you be bringing kids outside for mask breaks? I have a 2nd grader. I would also like to see you consider using the outdoors as much as possible for mask free time.

Lucy Canotas 08:25 PM

Teachers will be building in outside time for fresh air and mask breaks as well as movement breaks throughout the day.

Shelley Michaud 08:01 PM

Has the schedule been shared somewhere?

Ken Henderson 08:06 PM

It will be posted on the FAQ page on the district website once completed.

Tracy Gordon 08:04 PM

Is there a plan to train staff on the proper safety procedures to keep the children and themselves safe?

Lucy Canotas 08:26 PM

Yes, staff and students training is being created by our medical professionals.

ALO 08:06 PM

Elementary level--when is the end of trimester

Kristin Savage 08:08 PM

approx. early December for Tri #1, and Mid March for Tri#2

Ken Henderson 08:15 PM

Dec 2nd for T1, March 17th for T2

Farrah F 08:06 PM

Will elementary kids be provided with a chrome book or do we need to purchase?

Ken Henderson 08:10 PM

They will be provided for all students. That being said the shipping times for the new chromebooks are extremely delayed because of covid. It is possible we start the new year without them and will be in the same mode as the spring. Once the new ones arrive we will make plans to get them into the hands of students.

Stacey 08:09 PM

How can the board make an educated decision in 2 days if you still need to get commitments from families who wanted 100% remote. Last meeting it was implied you need a certain % to go with the blend model

Kimberly Farah 08:17 PM

We can support the blended model. There was some confusion about this at the last board meeting.

Vicki Gamez 08:10 PM

If a student is ill, non-COVID, do siblings need to stay home too?

Lucy Canotas 08:29 PM

Our nurses are currently developing practices and protocols.

Jared 08:12 PM

What will full day remote kindergarten look like? Will students be required to sign in a specific times during the day?

Lucy Canotas 08:31 PM

Yes, there will be scheduled sessions (large group, small group, and 1:1 times) throughout the day for instruction and practice.

Mc 08:13 PM

Is August 27th still the start date for all grade levels?

Kristin Savage 08:15 PM

The date was changed to Sept 8th at the last SB meeting.

TeresaA 08:15 PM

For fully remote pre-k and 2nd grade: Has anyone discussed having a parent/teacher zoom meetings before the school year begins? ...Incase teachers want to address expectation or make suggestions for ideal at home learning environments and supplies/ to give parents a chance to get familiar with what the zoom classroom might look like and ask any questions. Or perhaps a Zoom open house meet and greet before the school year begins for kids and parents?

Lucy Canotas 08:36 PM

Yes, we absolutely want to introduce students to their teacher and familiarize teachers and parents. We plan to increase resources and support for families this time around whether in remote fully or remote as a component of the cohort model. Asking teachers to address expectations and suggest ways to make home learning more efficient and effective is something we can bring back to the staff, thanks.

Steve 08:15 PM

Your efforts to plan and to safely educate our children are appreciated. Thnks also for the strategies to communicate current information.

Kimberly Farah 08:20 PM

Private answer

Thank you for your support! Everyone is working diligently to educate the students and keep staff safe.

rickielee mentus 08:16 PM

For elementary level..

Is there any idea on when teacher assignments will be sent out? That plays a huge role in our decision to homeschool or choose the remote option.

Lucy Canotas 08:40 PM

Class lists will be released after student and staff data around who is in a remote only model and who is following the cohort model is gathered.

Robyn Patrie 08:19 PM

Can you please confirm the following? School board still needs to vote to approve the blended model? If so, when is that vote? Official start date of all schools is Sept 8th, not Aug 31st, correct?

Kristin Savage 08:26 PM

There is a meeting this Thursday, 8/13 for the vote. At last SB meeting the start date was voted to be Sept 8th.

Kayla Apitz 08:20 PM

Will students have the same in person teacher as remote?

Lucy Canotas 08:42 PM

In a cohort model, students will have the same teacher when in person and when remote. If the question is about moving from one model to another at the end of trimester/semester, they will likely have a different teacher in those models.

Ellissa Miguel 08:25 PM

I thought that kindergarten was going to offer a hybrid learning model, did i misunderstand Lucy Canotas when she said that Kindergarten was going to meet 5 half days?

Lucy Canotas 08:44 PM

Half day Kindergarten will meet 5 half days - 2 in person and 3 remote. Full day Kindergarten will meet 5 "full" days - 2 in school and 3 remote. sorry, if I misspoke

Allison Benitez 08:27 PM

Will we have the ability to choose which days our children go to school with the blended mode? I have a child in central and north; it would be a lot easier if they were to attend on different days.

Kristin Savage 08:39 PM

the district will do its best to try and address needs -please notify both central and north of your situation

Deb 08:28 PM

If the preschool and PreK classes are running as usual, how will classes be divided to reduce class size to 50/50?

Lucy Canotas 08:47 PM

Preschool is a 2 half day a week program. This will remain in person following our cohort model. Pre-K will run 2 days in person and 2 days remote. We will be staggering the days so that the reduction is in school capacity not 50% of each class, and using larger spaces where needed.

Dawn 08:28 PM

What is current cost of full time tuition for kindergarten?

Lucy Canotas 08:47 PM

Full day tuition is \$4,500 a year. This can be paid on a monthly dues basis.

Julie Dasilva 08:29 PM

Is it possible for parents to have access to the elementary curriculum before the start of school to prepare to help our children?

Sandra Allaire 08:32 PM

All of our curriculum documents are posted on the school website. You can explore the documents by content area and grade level through this link:

<https://public.timberlane.net/sau/trsb/New%20Curriculum/Forms/AllItems.aspx>

Jen B 08:31 PM

Why would you have kids go to the cafeteria to pick up their lunch rather than have the lunches brought to the classrooms?

This question has been answered live

Brenda 08:34 PM

Will a potential need to quarantine affect student attendance?

Kristin Savage 08:45 PM

the attendance policy is being reviewed and this is a consideration, it is not the intent to negatively affect student attendance in situations like this

TeresaA 08:34 PM

I saw that you said chrome books are being given to elementary kids. My question is, is that something that we need to send in a request for? or will they check with us first to find out if there is a need for one? Will a 4 year old pre-K student with an IEP require one?

This question has been answered live

Sarah Scanlan 08:35 PM

How about taking temperatures as the school population enters the building? What about if a student is sent to school sick with a fever reducing med / without feeling well?

This question has been answered live

matt spurr 08:43 PM

can you discuss busing? and busing for sporting events?

Sandra Hodkins 08:53 PM

Busing will be running with limited capacity following CDC guidelines (1 per seat with staggered seating. Siblings can sit together. With blended schedule students numbers are already cut in half and as parents choose remote only that will also diminish. However, we will ask parents who can do so to transport their student. this will allow space for those students who have no other form of transportation. All students will be required to wear mask on the bus. As far as sports, that will be dealt on an as needed basis and also follow CDC guidelines if a bus is used.

Ellissa Miguel 08:47 PM

Thank you for answering all of these questions and doing the best job possible given the circumstances. I assume most of you are parents yourself trying to navigate this for your own kids, as well!

Kristin Savage 08:52 PM

Thank you!

Stacey 08:48 PM

Will this forum open up for the school board members to ask some questions?

Kristin Savage 08:57 PM

happening now