

Dear MURSD Families-

Based upon current community COVID-19 metrics, district readiness, and the experiences of neighboring districts with the hybrid model, at the next Regional School Committee meeting on October 5, I will be making the recommendation to move to the next stage of reentry with the Hybrid Model for students starting on Tuesday, October 13.

The district has done considerable planning to ensure safe, in-person instruction using appropriate social distancing and safety measures. From the survey results we received in early August, we have planned for both the Hybrid Model and for the Stand-Alone Remote Option (i.e., a model where students will stay in fully remote). From that survey, we have ascertained that approximately 240 students across grades PK-12 would like this option. As we are finalizing all plans, we would like to resurvey all families, so we know exactly who will opt for the stand-alone remote program. If you would like to know more about the Hybrid Model, please view the [district's re-entry plan](#) (p. 17). If you would like a description of the Stand Alone Remote Option at every level, please click [this link](#).

Also, we are also finalizing the bus routes for both Cohort 1 and Cohort 2. As bus capacity will be diminished, in some cases by more than 50%, we need to know who exactly will be riding the bus. Thus, there is also an item in this short survey about committing to the bus or not. If you can manage it in your schedule, if you are able to drive your child to school, please do so.

This survey is to account for the final decision for students attending Clough, Memorial, and Miscoe. If you have a child that attends Nipmuc, you do NOT have to fill out this survey for him or her, as the Stand-Alone Remote Option at Nipmuc has already been finalized. **Please fill this survey out for each child that lives in your household, and attends either Clough, Memorial, or Miscoe.** Here is the [LINK TO THE SURVEY](#). Please have it completed by the **end of the day on Thursday, October 1.**

As I have been asked this before, this final survey is binding. Those families requesting the Stand Alone Remote Option for their elementary students must commit to it through the end of the first trimester (December 3) and for Miscoe and Nipmuc students, it is through the first semester (January 26).

Thank you for your ongoing patience and understanding as we navigate through these uncharted waters.

Best regards,

Dr. Joseph Maruszczak

Superintendent of Schools