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Dear Parents/Guardians:

On behalf of the School Committee I would like to thank all the teachers, administrators, staff and parents who served on the Reopening Committee that developed the Carver Public School Reopening Plan. I would also like to thank the entire community for their thoughts and participation in the process through surveys and community forums. On Monday night, August 10, the Carver School Committee voted to implement the two day in-school / three day hybrid model of the district's Reopening Plan. In this model, the students in each class/course will be divided by last name alphabetically A-L (Group A) and M-Z (Group B). The "A" group will attend school on Monday and Tuesday and work remotely on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of each week. The "B" group will attend school on Thursday and Friday and work remotely on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of each week. All students will have live remote lessons on Wednesday with their class teacher(s). (*see the graphic below*) All students living in the same household will be in the same group even if they have different last names. Specific special education and high needs students will be provided the option of attending three or four days a week remaining remote on Wednesday. The district will reach out to those families directly. Parents will be given the opportunity to complete a hardship request to have their students moved from their assigned group.

GROUPS	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
GROUP A: Last Names A-L	Group A attends school in person.	Group A attends school in person.	All Students attend virtually with live instruction from their teachers. (<i>a half day schedule</i>)	Group A students learn from home.	Group A students learn from home.
GROUP B: Last Names M-Z	Group B students learn from home.	Group B students learn from home.		Group B attends school in person.	Group B attends school in person.

The hybrid model allows for cleaning and disinfecting of the building between each group in school. It also reduces the number of students in each class and allows us to set-up desks in every classroom in the district face forward and at least 6 feet apart. In this model, we will have the benefits of enhanced social distancing and effective cleaning and disinfecting between groups while still giving every student in the district 2 days of in-person instruction.

The School Committee also approved a new calendar for the 2020-2021 school year. This calendar allows for 10 days of teacher professional development prior to the first day of school for students. During this

time, teachers will be trained in proper use of personal protective equipment (PPE), instructional technology, and planning for the implementation of the hybrid model. The first day of school for students will be **Wednesday, September 16th**.

There are three important pieces of information that the district needs to collect to finalize plans for the implementation of the hybrid model.

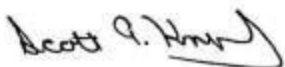
1. The Carver Public Schools will allow parents and families the option to remain remote if they choose. Any student or family who selects to stay home will be placed on a remote learning plan.. Families who intend to have their students stay remote need to **complete a [remote learning application](#)**.
2. Based upon the current COVID-19 restrictions for transportation (1 student per seat) we are asking families to transport their students if possible. If you do require transportation for your student(s) the district will provide it. **All families are required to fill out a [transportation request form](#)** even if you are supporting the district by driving your student(s) to and from school.
3. Parents who want to request a change in their group assignment need to **complete a [hardship request form](#)**.

All of the forms can be completed online. You may also print and complete all of the forms and email to RussellG@carver.org, mail, or return them in person to the Carver Public Schools central office building at 3 Carver Square Blvd. Print versions of these applications can be found on our website at www.carver.org under the “2020-2021 School Year Information” menu tab and are also available in the upstairs lobby of our central offices.

All forms that apply to you and your family need to be completed and returned no later than Monday, August 17th.

Though the School Committee has voted to begin the school year in a hybrid model, the reality is that we could end up being fully remote and/or returning to a full in-person model at some point during this school year. We will need to work together as a school community to best meet the educational needs of our students while also making decisions to protect the health and safety of all of our staff and students.

Thank you for your continued support.



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