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# Carver Public Schools

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

On Monday night, February 22, the Carver School Committee voted to return students in grades K-2 to a full in-person learning model on Monday, March 15th and to return students in grades 3-5 to a full in-person learning model on Monday, March 29th. In this model, students would attend school in person for four days; Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and have a half-day remote instruction on Wednesdays.

The full in-person model will allow for a minimum of 3 feet of social distance and desks in each classroom will be set up to face forward. Otherwise we will be following the same mitigation strategies that we followed throughout the school year including:

Universal wearing of masks in grades K-5	Maintaining 6 feet of social distancing at lunch
Regular Hand Washing and Hand Hygiene	Following isolation and quarantine guidelines
Regular cleaning and disinfecting of the building	Requiring students and staff to stay home when the
Contact tracing	

The Massachusetts Department of Education updated their transportation guidance as of February 11, 2021. The updated guidance eliminates capacity limitations on busses as long as students are wearing masks, sitting in assigned seats and the windows are open at all times. The new guidance will allow us to transport all students to school in one bus run.

There are a couple of important pieces of information that the district needs to collect to finalize plans for the implementation of a full in person model on March 15th for students in grades K-2 and March 29th for students in grades 3-5. They are as follows:

[Request to Switch Models Application](#) | [Transportation Request Form](#) | [Request to Maintain Current Teacher](#)

1. The Carver Public Schools will allow parents and families the option to participate in remote only learning if they choose. We will also allow students who are currently fully remote to transition to full in-person learning. Families who intend to have their students switch models, either to remote learning or from remote learning to full in-person learning must complete a [Request to Switch Models Application](#).
2. The new DESE transportation guidance still encourages families to transport their students if possible. If you do require transportation for your student(s) the district will provide it. **To ensure we reach all families and meet their needs, everyone is required to complete the [Transportation](#)**

[Request Form](#), even if you are supporting the district by driving your student(s) to and from school.

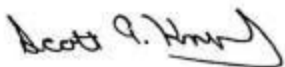
3. As a result of transitioning to a full in-person model some students **will** have to change teachers. If you would like to make a formal request to **not** have your student's teacher change based on extraordinary circumstances please complete the [Request to Maintain Current Teacher Form](#). Students that receive special education services in inclusion classes will remain with the inclusion teams, so you do not need to fill out the form to request your student stay in their inclusion class. Also, no changes will happen in substantially separate classrooms. Please note that the district may not be able to honor all requests. If your student's teacher is going to change, you will be notified by the Elementary administration by Tuesday, March 9th.

All of the above forms can be completed online. You may also print and complete all of the forms and email to [RussellG@carver.org](mailto: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](http://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 by the end of the day on Thursday, February 25, 2021. By doing so you are supporting the district in a smooth transition to full in-person learning at the Elementary School.**

We will also need to revise our drop-off and pick-up procedures at the Elementary School based on the number of students who will be taking the school bus. We will provide parents and the community the updated procedure during the week of March 8th in preparation for the new procedures to start with the transition to in-person learning on Monday, March 15th.

Though the School Committee has voted to return to in-person learning for all students in the Elementary School by March 29th, the reality is that we could end up transitioning back to the hybrid model or to a fully remote model at some point during the remainder of the school year if the situation warrants. We will need to continue 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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