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Dear Parents/Guardians:

On Monday night, March 22, 2021 the Carver School Committee voted to return students in grades 6-12 to a full in-person learning model on Monday, April 26th. In this model, students will attend school in person for five days per week.

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 have followed throughout the school year including:

- Universal wearing of masks in grades 6-12
- Regular Hand Washing and Hand Hygiene
- Regular cleaning and disinfecting of the building
- Contact tracing
- Maintaining 6 feet of social distancing at lunch
- Following isolation and quarantine guidelines
- Requiring students and staff to stay home when sick

We will be changing the schedule for students in grades 8-12 for the full in-person model starting on April 26th.

We will still have a block schedule in which each student takes 4 - 83 minute classes, but we will not be serving lunch for students in grades 8-12. We will have a "Grab and Go" lunch available for all students at dismissal. We will also be offering students in grades 8-12 a snack break during the school day. The school day will begin at 7:20 a.m. and end at 1:04 p.m. for students in grades 8-12. We will be providing transportation for the 1:04 p.m. dismissal. Students in grades 6 and 7 will maintain their current schedule, except the time of students' lunch will change. The school day for grades 6 and 7 will start at 7:20 a.m. and end at 2:05 p.m.

GRADE 6		GRADE 7		GRADE 8-12	
Homeroom/A.W	7:20-8:10	Homeroom/A.W	7:20-8:10	Period 1	7:20 - 8:43
Period 1	8:15 - 9:05	Period 1	8:15 - 9:05	Period 2	8:47 - 10:10
Period 2	9:10 - 10:00	Period 2	9:10 - 10:00	Period 3	10:14 - 11:37
Period 3	10:05 - 10:55	Lunch	10:05 - 10:30	Period 4	11:41 - 1:04
Lunch	11:00 - 11:25	Period 3	10:35 - 11:25		
Period 4	11:30 - 12:15	Period 4	11:30 - 12:15		
Period 5	12:20 - 1:05	Period 5	12:20 - 1:05		
Period 6	1:10 - 1:55	Period 6	1:10 - 1:55		
Dismissal	1:55 - 2:05	Dismissal	1:55 - 2:05		

All students in grades 6-12 will be able to maintain their current classes. Some students may have a change in a teacher(s) to reduce and balance class size in our larger classes in the full in-person model. If your students' teacher(s) are going to change you will be notified by Monday, April 12th.

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.

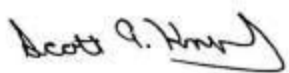
There are a couple of important pieces of information that the district needs to collect to finalize plans for the implementation of a full in person model on April 26th for students in grades 6-12. They are as follows:

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](#). **If you are not switching to remote or from remote to full in-person you do not need to complete this application. Students that are currently in the hybrid model will automatically transition to full in-person learning.**
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.

The above 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 by the end of the day on April 1, 2021. By doing so you are supporting the district in a smooth transition to full in-person learning at the Middle High School.**

Mr. Schultz will be sending out additional information about the transition over the next couple of weeks. 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 during this transition.

Thank you for your continued support.



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