

August 24, 2020

Dear Woburn Families,

I hope that this letter finds you well, and enjoying the summer. As we prepare for our return to school, I want to provide you with more information on several items that you may have heard discussed during our school committee meetings over the past few months.

Our staff return on September 8th for an extended professional development for educators, as prescribed by the Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary (DESE), and our first day of instruction for all WPS students will be **September 21, 2020.**

Other updates include:

- District is planning to open using a Hybrid model of instruction
- Students have been assigned to Cohorts. If you requested a change, please know that our building Principals are working collaboratively to address individual needs this week, starting with responding to Elementary requests.
- If you have not received your cohort information fill out <u>THIS form</u> and it will be emailed to you.
- All K-12 Schools: on in-person learning days, students will attend school on an abbreviated schedule, be provided a grab & go lunch and continue to learn remotely in the afternoon.
- Families can opt-in to the Virtual Academy for a full remote learning experience

At this time, we are asking families to communicate your return to school plan, whether your child will return in the Hybrid Model or you will opt-in to the district's Virtual Academy. To assist in this decision, please review the following document for more details on these two models:

<u>Learning Model Overview for Families</u>

As you consider your choices, we respectfully ask that you fill out this form: Return to School Commitment by the end of our work day on Wednesday so that we can continue our planning. Your responses are critical to our planning. If we do not receive a response from you, we will begin to reach out individually.

Sincerely,

Matthew T. Crowley, Ed.D.