Guidance on In-Person Learning Requirements

School Committee March 18, 2021

On March 5, 2021, the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education adopted amendments to the Student Learning Time regulations on an emergency basis.

Those amendments provide Commissioner Riley with the authority to determine when hybrid and remote models will no longer count toward meeting the required student learning time hours. 603 CMR 27.08(2)(d).

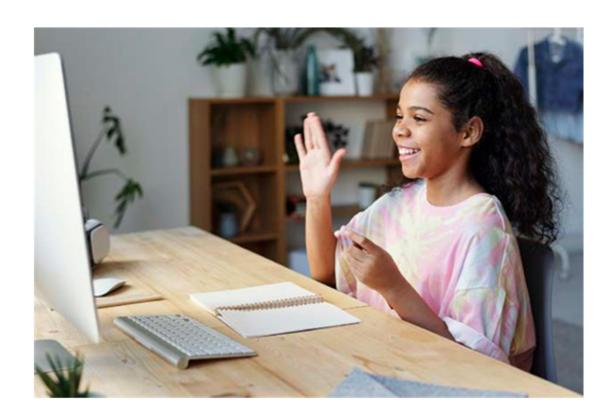
Recommending Board provide the Commissioner with the authority to shift away from remote and hybrid models, and begin a fuller return to in-person learning

Return to full-time, in-person school five days per week would proceed in three phases

Phase I	Phase II	Phase III	
Elementary School (Grades K-5)	Middle School (Grades 6-8)	High School (Grades 9-12)	
April 5 th	April 28th	TBA in April	

Timeline for subsequent phases will be determined in consultation with medical experts and state health officials

Parents will still have a choice for their children to learn remotely through the end of this school year



... a return to in-person school this spring will lay the groundwork for a full-time, in-person return for all grade levels in fall 2021, likely with some continued mitigation measures.

In the fall, DESE will no longer require districts and schools to provide a district-wide remote learning option. Districts should work individually with parents/guardians of students who cannot school in person in the fall due to a medical condition.

Next Steps

- Meetings with Principals (completed)
- Survey Remote Families
 - Return to In-Person
 - Bus Transportation
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- Conversations with Lincoln Educators Association
- Begin Planning and Implementation
 - Distancing reduced as needed in classrooms and buses

Possible Additional Changes this Spring

- Update protocols
- Consider ability for adults to service more students in-person
- Consider ability for adults to work in person with more cohorts

Goal: Maintain consistency and stability for students and provide more in-person instruction to meet student needs