

Lincoln Public Schools Planning for the 2021 - 2022 School Year

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

These 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).

In the fall of 2021, DESE will no longer allow districts and schools to provide a district-wide remote learning option.

Districts will work individually with parents/guardians of students who cannot attend school in person due to a documented medical condition.

Current Assumptions and Planning

Assumptions:

- All students and faculty are back in school
- Students are at at least 3 ft distancing in classrooms, 6 ft distancing when eating and maskless, additional distancing for specialized activities
- Mitigation factors remain in place:
 - Vaccines for adults and possibly for students by the fall
 - Masks
 - Hand hygiene
 - Cleaning of Facilities
 - Air Purification

Planning:

- Projected enrollment and number of class sections at each grade level in each school (space dependent)
- Develop appropriate instructional models to match health & safety needs and to best meet the needs of students
- Required staffing based upon enrollment and instructional models
- Remote program for students who cannot attend school in-person

FY22 Lincoln Sections – COVID vs Traditional

Lincoln Expense Category	COVID Budget	Traditional Budget	Currently Planned	difference
Lincoln School	47	28	30	2
Preschool @ L	3	2	2	0
Total	50	30	33	2

Proposed Next Steps

- **Town Meeting vote to approve Traditional Model request of \$12,347,239**
- **FinCom proposes FY22 Reserve Fund with additional \$263,281 for School COVID expenses**
- **Administration refines FY22 model plans over the next three months**
- **Instructional Plan may require additional funds from Reserve**
- **FinCom and Administration true-up accounts March-April 2022**

Uncertainties...

- **Requirements for PPE**
- **Continued Pooled Testing of faculty, staff and students**
- **Costs of operating Lincoln temp facility and the renovated all-electric Lincoln School, phase 1 portion of building**
- **METCO bus contract rates -- to be recompeted this year**
- **Amount of METCO grant & Circuit Breaker funding -- Commonwealth budget plans unclear**