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All,

I am writing to provide you important information and updates that we continue to work on and receive as we prepare for the 2020-2021 School Year.

As a reminder, the first day of learning in the Dudley-Charlton RSD is set for Wednesday, September 16, 2020. We are set to begin the school year remotely through the first two weeks. We are then planning the in-person hybrid learning return of preK- grade 4 on Thursday, October 1, 2020. This will be Cohorts B and C. The PreK-4 Cohort A is scheduled to begin in-person hybrid learning Monday October 5, 2020. Grades 5-12 will continue remotely through October 14th, with a plan to return to in-person hybrid learning on Thursday, October 15, 2020. Again, this will be Cohorts B and C. The grades 5-12 Cohort A is scheduled to begin in-person hybrid learning Monday October 19th. Cohort D will begin in-person learning as soon as feasible. Please note that all of this is subject to change.

We have received numerous questions about the rolling or split reentry to in-person hybrid learning. To start, getting our students into the school is a daunting effort with all of the guiding expectations from state agencies, families, local officials and educators. As planned, this provides the opportunity to focus on our youngest, large population of students and all of the logistics and management of opening to in-person hybrid learning. We want this to be exciting for our students but we are entering uncharted measures to ensure the health, safety and well-being of students and staff. All of us must be ready for adjustments from day one throughout. More importantly, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has listed elementary aged children as a high priority for return.

Your Principals are working to prepare cohort assignments with a goal to distribute them to you no later than next Friday August 28th. In addition, your principal will distribute a **Full-Time Remote Learning Enrollment** option form for you to complete tomorrow, Friday August 21, 2020. Please complete this form as-soon-as-possible, but no later than Wednesday August 26, 2020 to assist principals with their cohort assignment work.

Please note that as we continue to get closer to the start of the 2020-2021 school year most of your communications will come directly from your student's school.

Starting last week, we have contracted with a vendor to evaluate the functionality of all heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems across all seven schools. As required through the guidelines for reopening we need to ensure that our current air exchange systems in all schools are working optimally and as designed.

Attached you will find a single PDF *Important.information.08.20.2020* that represents three specific documents for your information and review. You will find a document representing the new Executive Office of Health and Humans Services (EOHH) order that all kindergarten through grade 12 students will be required to have an influenza vaccine. An EOHH Guidance Memo on selected health regulations during COVID-19 to include physical examinations, school-based screenings and immunizations. Finally, you will find a DESE Memorandum clarifying key health and safety requirements. I hope you find this informative.

Lastly, a telephone message will be sent out tomorrow requesting families who do not have internet in their home to contact us via telephone. We will work with families and the local internet providers to arrive at a solution. We had a couple of situations last year and we were able to work through them.

Thank you and we continue to appreciate your support and efforts to make the best of this imperfect experience for everyone.

Respectfully,

Steven M. Lamarche

Superintendent of Schools

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