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**Dudley-Charlton Regional School District** <notifications@dcrsd.org>  
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All,

We are excited and filled with anxiousness and trepidations for a return to school next week for five half days of full in-person learning. We must work together to alleviate and understand these feelings as they are grounded in many variables. It will feel like a first day of school and it is my hope that we embrace the best of Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. I wish everyone a day of hope, happiness and tons of smiles under your mask.

I also write to share the next stages of our transition plan, for more increased in-person learning in the Dudley-Charlton RSD, as a result of last evening's School Committee meeting.

First, all **K-4** elementary students are now scheduled to return to full in-person learning five full days per week starting **Monday, April 5, 2021**. Elementary Principals will provide more information as we prepare for this transition. For questions about your child's school, contact your student's respective Principal.

Next, and as a result of a School Committee vote, all **5-8** middle school students are now scheduled to return to full in-person learning five full days per week starting **Monday, April 26, 2021**. Middle School Principals will provide more information as we prepare for this transition. For questions about your child's school, contact your student's respective Principal.

Also, the state has not provided regulatory guidance for full in-person learning five full days per week for high schools, therefore we will maintain the prior School Committee approved date of return to full in-person learning five full days per week starting **Monday, May 3, 2021** for **Shepherd Hill**. This date is subject to change and will be revisited at future School Committee meetings. Principal Chaplin will provide more information as we prepare for this transition. For questions contact Principal Chaplin.

As we prepare for more increased in-person learning, please view the DCRSD updated [COVID Trees and Protocol](#) document. In addition, visit our [COVID Dashboard](#) for COVID related information. Our COVID Coordinator, [Ms. Anne Marie DeMorris](#) is a superior contact for COVID related questions.

Lastly, I am confident that you are tired of my communications and respectful requests to complete the daily [self-certification/screening form](#) but in all seriousness, this is a critical first safety step in the daily management of our schools. We are not just asking families to complete this, it is a staff requirement. As a participant, I can share, once the habit is established it is quite easy to remember to do it before entering our schools. Therefore, I plead with all of you to do the right thing to help the advancement of increased in-person learning in the Dudley Charlton RSD for the remaining months of school. Help keep COVID out of our schools as much as humanly possible.

Respectfully,

Steven M. Lamarche

Superintendent of Schools