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All,

I am writing to share with you the presentation from last evening to the Dudley-Charlton School Committee at their January 6, 2021 Special Meeting. As previously shared in November, the Dudley-Charlton RSD need to move from our current reopening plan to the next phase of teaching and learning. On November 18, 2020 a path forward was presented to the School Committee and community. We asked and received feedback from all constituencies and greatly appreciate your feedback. In December, the School Committee requested further developed options for consideration. Additionally, on December 18, 2020, the MA Board of Education adopted amended regulations specific to Student Learning Time (SLT). Our current reopening plan does not meet said regulatory requirements which must be implemented January 19, 2021, therefore our move to the next phase is more important than ever. As a result of the aforementioned, the attached document provides four framework models that meet the required Student Learning Time regulations.

We ask that you review the attached documents and provide feedback through a [Caregiver Survey](#). We need to hear from everyone. Dr. Brian Ackerman will present the outcome of the survey and it will assist the School Committee with their decision-making and plan adoption next Wednesday, January 13, 2021.

Each model identifies a number of tradeoffs that present challenges and complexities for many as there is no perfect model that will satisfy every constituent. Our goal is to provide direction to the Dudley-Charlton School Committee and build consensus moving forward. We need your feedback so please complete the [Caregiver Survey](#).

Lastly, today I will apply to DESE for a waiver to the Student Learning Time (SLT) regulation deadline of January 19, 2021. With a School Committee adoption date of January 13, 2021, it is our strongest belief that a delay of implementation by one week is necessary to provide instructional planning and family time to prepare for an approved SLT Model. Therefore, the target date for implementation is Monday, January 25, 2021. It is my understanding that DESE will provide a response to the requested waiver in time for me to report to the School Committee at their regularly scheduled meeting on the 13th of January.

We are very thankful to you for taking the time to read the attached documents and we really need you to complete the [Caregiver Survey](#) by Sunday, January 10, 2021.

Respectfully,

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Superintendent of Schools

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