



Amesbury Public Schools

Office of the Superintendent of Schools

August 12, 2020

Dear Members of the Amesbury Public Schools Community,

After thoughtful consideration and discussion, the Amesbury Public School Committee voted to accept the phased re-opening plan for the 20-21 school year. Beginning September 15th the schools will re-open with a **remote (distant) learning model**.

We recognize that the circumstances of every family and staff member are different, and that no plan ultimately will satisfy everyone in our community. But rest assured that we are working diligently to explore every option available to us, that we remain guided by the science to keep our students and staff safe and healthy, and that we will be prepared to make adjustments along the way if the public health conditions or other variables change over time. Our Plan has built in “checkpoints” that will allow us to monitor the impact of the virus on our community and use appropriate metrics to recommend a move to or between phases.

As educators we are also driven by the understanding that schools are critical to the development and growth of children. We know that schools offer more than just academics and are places for children to grow socially, emotionally and interpersonally. We know that schools are places where friends gather and lives are shared. And we know that for the true value of schools to be recognized that we must find a way to safely maximize the in-person learning experience. To this end we will be working to move to a hybrid model of instruction as soon as we can safely do so.

More information, including each school’s individual re-opening plan, will be posted to the district website by the end of the week.

I appreciate everyone’s continued patience and flexibility during this unprecedented time. I hope that you all remain safe and healthy.

Regards,

Jared Fulgoni