August 1, 2020

Dear NHCS Families,

It’s been a busy week with three virtual family forums at which we had nearly 120 people attend in total, including both new and returning families. In these meetings I explained some of the considerations for reopening and also that we have determined that we cannot have a 100% in-person model in September. That leaves us with two options that we are continuing to consider and plan for: remote learning and hybrid, both of which I discussed in more detail in the meetings. For those of you who were unable to attend one of the sessions, here is a video [link](#).

During the meetings we asked families to respond to several questions by poll. We’ve combined the results of the polls from all three meetings into the table below. As you can see in the last question in the table, families who attended the meetings are close to evenly split about which reopening model is best for them at this time.

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<th>Reopening Model: Poll Response from Family Meetings</th>
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<td>yes</td>
<td>no</td>
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<td>Do you agree with our vision and guiding principles?</td>
<td>96%</td>
<td>4%</td>
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<td>If we are remote learning, would you send your child to outdoor community building activities on campus if they took place in small groups?</td>
<td>84%</td>
<td>16%</td>
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<td>If we have a hybrid model and your child could attend school 2 - 3 days a week, would you send them?</td>
<td>75%</td>
<td>25%</td>
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<td>Has NHCS provided you the right amount of useful information about reopening?</td>
<td>92%</td>
<td>8%</td>
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The data from these meetings, from previous surveys that have been sent to all families, and similar information we are collecting from staff are important factors as we continue to plan and make decisions. **Next Tuesday I will share information by email about whether we intend to start the school year with a remote or hybrid model. This decision will apply to Phase 1 of the school year, which we are defining as September 8th - October 16th.** In addition, please note the following important dates:

- **Queen Street Campus** (Grades K1-7) • 21 Queen Street • Dorchester, MA 02122
- **Centre Street Campus** (Grades 8-12) • 197 Centre Street • Dorchester, MA 02124
- **tel:** 617.825.0703 • **fax:** 617.825.1829 • [www.thenhcs.org](http://www.thenhcs.org)
- August 11th @ 6pm: Lower School Virtual Town Hall about the re-opening plan
- August 12th @ 6pm: Middle School Virtual Town Hall about the re-opening plan
- August 13th @ 6pm: High School Virtual Town Hall about the re-opening plan
- September 1st @ 6:30pm: Lower School Family Orientation
- September 2nd @ 6pm: Middle School Family Orientation
- September 1st @ 6pm: High School Family Orientation
- September 8th: First Day of School (Phase 1 begins)
- October 5th: Communicate Decision about Phase 2
- October 19th: Phase 2 begins

Thank you for your understanding about how complex these decisions are and for your trust in Neighborhood House. I am grateful to be a part of such a strong community.

Warmly,

Kate Scott
Executive Director