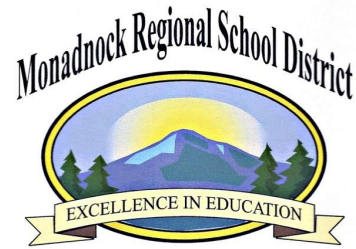


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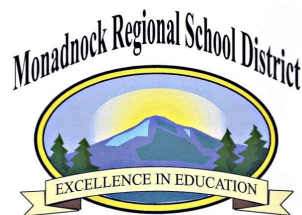
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Executive Summary and Recommendations

The 2020/21 Year in Review

We have navigated the 2020/21 school year under the guidance of our original Reopening Concept. We opened in a Hybrid Model in the fall, and on May 3rd, 2021, we transitioned back to in-person learning at all grade levels. Throughout the school year, we had between 80-85% of our students engaged with in-person learning (first in hybrid and then fully in-person), with the remaining 15-20% accessing the Remote Support option outlined in our Reopening Concept. On occasion, we shifted classrooms, cohorts, or entire schools to fully Remote Learning as warranted due to COVID-19 related issues. With some modifications and restrictions, students were able to engage in extracurricular and athletic activities throughout the year, including prom. While this year has been different and difficult, our community has been unwavering in its support and commitment to the health and safety of our students, families, and employees.

Finding the good in the midst of the not-so-great can be a challenge, and this year's prom theme of 'Silver Linings' encouraged everyone to pause and do just that. As we look back and reflect on the past year and a half, some of the things we have identified as best practices to continue as we move forward include:

Soft Opening

We started the 2020/21 school year with four 'soft opening' days, in which families would make appointments with the child(ren)s teacher(s) and principal to visit the school and have 1:1 time to ask questions, tour the building, and simply spend time in the school environment. Participation by families was very high (over 90% in all of our elementary schools) and exceeded attendance at traditional Open House by a wide margin at all grade levels. We will continue this practice in the fall of 2021/22 and for years to come.

Leveraging Technology

Technology was a critical component of the Remote Support model we were able to maintain for the 2022/21 school year. While that learning mode will not be an elective option for the future, we will continue to leverage certain aspects of the model to assist students who must be absent from school for extended periods of time.

Social and Emotional Support

For students, families, and employees alike, balancing life and school in the midst of the pandemic was no easy task. As a District, we started the school year with a focus on social and emotional well-being with a kick-off workshop for our employees with Lynn Lyons, a leader in the area of self-care and social emotional needs of children and adults. We increased the number of school counselors for students at the elementary level, and increased our outreach to families and employees to provide information and resources throughout the pandemic. Moving forward, the District will maintain the increased level of school counselors at our elementary schools and continue to provide resources and support for the social and emotional wellness needs of our community.

Summer 2021 and the 2021/22 Year to Come

While we would like to say everything will be 'back to normal' for our return to school in the fall of 2021, the reality is that we don't really know for sure what 'normal' is going to look like in the future. Any plan we make must be fluid and adaptable, as updated guidance seems to be issued almost daily with local and state governments shifting policies and rules just as frequently. A key element of the Fall 2021 Reopening Concept is a commitment to follow prevailing guidance issued by the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (NH DHHS) unless the Monadnock Regional School Board (MRSB) takes action to adjust elements of that guidance to best meet the needs of the Monadnock community.

The following pages address four broad categories related to school operations.

Student services includes models for instruction, student support, nutrition, and student activities.

Guidance includes policies for prevention related to COVID-19.

Mitigation includes strategies for reducing the risk of illness and general best hygiene practices.

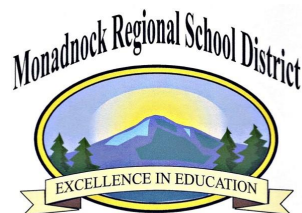
Buildings and grounds includes policies for facilities (including busses and transportation).

"Back to normal" has yet to be defined - and it will be moving target for some time to come. Perhaps saying 'we will return to as normal as possible' would be a more accurate way to approach the upcoming school year. No matter how we define it and no matter what happens, over the past year and a half we have demonstrated that no matter what happens, the Monadnock community will rise to the challenge. #celebrateMRSD

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[NH DHHS Resources for Schools](#)

[NHIAA Guidance](#)



Timeline and Teams

- May 30th - Community survey closes
- June 1st - School Board review of survey input, first draft
- June 3rd - Full Administrative Team review of first draft
- June 7th - Second draft shared with School Board and posted on webpage
- June 15th - School Board review of second draft, discussion and vote
- June 23rd - Approved plan due to the New Hampshire Department of Education

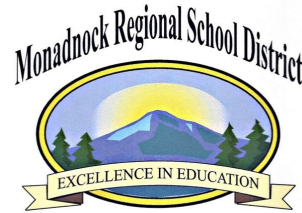
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Catherine Woods, Director of Student Services
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Full Administrative Team

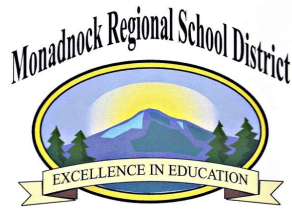
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Tom Walsh, Director of Nutrition Services
Frannie Ashworth, Director of Project Beyond the Bell
Chris Czifrik, Director of Technology
Linda Health, Assistant Director of Project Beyond the Bell
Deb Davis-Young, Special Education Coordinator

Kathryn Schnare, Special Education Coordinator
Lisa Spencer, Principal
Melissa Suarez, Principal
Audrey Salzmman, Principal
Lori Stevens, Principal
Kevin Stone, Principal
Adrienne Noel, Teaching Principal
Patrick Dowsett, Assistant Principal
Ryan Schafer, Assistant Principal
Tom Cote, Athletic Director



Guiding Principles/Beliefs (Adopted in August, 2020)

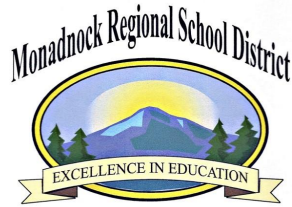
- ✓ Safety First - Prioritizing the health and safety of our students and families, our employees, and our community.
- ✓ Recognizing the need for face-to-face interaction and communication for social and emotional connections and direct instruction.
- ✓ Addressing the myriad of emotions and reactions that accompany the current pandemic situation, creating a level of comfort and feeling safe for our students and families, our employees, and our community around returning to school.
- ✓ Developing appropriate expectations and accountability structures for learning.
- ✓ Implementing consistent expectations for learning platforms and communication.
- ✓ Understanding that the current pandemic situation continues to evolve and that we may need to adjust plans or modify models as things change.



2021/22 Reopening Concept - Student Services

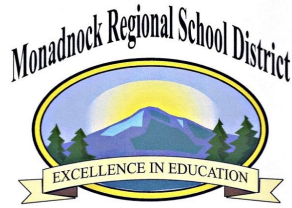
Instructional Model	<p>All students will return to full, in-person learning.</p> <p>The District will no longer provide Remote Support (as defined in the August, 2020 reopening plan).</p>
Students with Disabilities	<p>Student needs will be addressed on an individual basis as determined by their IEP teams and within the guidelines of the NH Standards for the Education of Children with Disabilities. Students with disabilities will receive specially-designed instruction, related services and accommodations/modifications as prescribed in their IEPs or 504 plans, within the school building and in-person.</p>
Chorus, Band, and Music	<p>Chorus, Band, and Music programs will resume during the 2021/2022. Groups will be distanced as much as possible and, when appropriate, rehearsal and other performances will be held outside. Care will be taken to ensure shared materials and space are cleaned and sanitized to the extent possible and appropriate.</p>
Physical Education	<p>Physical Education activities have already resumed. Special care and effort has been taken to ensure any shared equipment is cleaned and sanitized. Social distancing practices are used throughout classes.</p>
Classroom Supplies	<p>Classroom supplies may be shared between students provided necessary cleaning and/or sanitizing occurs between classes or cohorts.</p> <p>Individual supplies will be provided when cleaning and/or sanitizing is not feasible.</p>
Outdoor Activities (School Day)	<p>Students will be encouraged to use hand sanitizer before and after recess.</p> <p>Weather permitting, the use of outdoor space for educational purposes will be encouraged.</p>
Extracurricular Activities	<p>All extracurricular activities will strive to maintain social distancing in accordance with current and prevailing NH DHHS guidance.</p> <p>All students and employees may be required to wear face masks outdoors when social distancing in accordance with current and prevailing NH DHHS guidance cannot be maintained.</p> <p>Whole school physical assemblies and other large group activities may occur with the approval of the school Principal. All activities are subject to modifications and guidelines to ensure appropriate social distancing and include the potential mandatory use of face masks.</p> <p>Performers in drama may be allowed to participate without the use of face masks or approved facial covering in accordance with current and prevailing NH DHHS guidance. All audience members should strive to maintain social distance in accordance with current and prevailing NH DHHS guidance. Face masks may be required when social distancing in accordance current and prevailing NH DHHS guidance cannot be maintained.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Athletics</p>	<p>The Principal will make recommendations to the Superintendent and Board regarding seasonal sport offerings. The School Board reserves the right to limit athletic offerings based on COVID-19 impact and current guidance.</p> <p>MRSD will align with NHIAA recommendations regarding the wearing of face masks during athletic competitions.</p> <p>MRSD will align with NHIAA recommendations regarding the wearing of face masks during practices and when not actively engaged in an athletic contest or competition.</p> <p>Student athletes and coaches may be required to wear face masks on busses while traveling to/from events if social distancing cannot be maintained in accordance with current and prevailing NH DHHS guidance.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Student Wellness - Anxiety, Trauma, and Mental Health</p>	<p>Host several 'soft opening' days in the fall for parents and students to have individual time to visit schools and meet with teachers and administrators to ease anxiety.</p> <p>Continue to implement social emotional learning opportunities at all grade levels, leveraging our internal capacity (e.g. school counselors, social workers, psychologists) and wrapping around with outside agencies as appropriate.</p> <p>Share information with families regarding available resources for families and children.</p> <p>Maintain increased level of school counselors at our elementary schools.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Food Service</p>	<p>Pre Prepared/pre packaged meals based on menu options will continue to be provided.</p> <p>Hand sanitizer use will be encouraged when entering the lunch space/cafeteria.</p> <p>Social distance will be observed while eating in accordance with current and prevailing NH DHHS guidance. If this is not feasible, dividers or shields may be utilized.</p> <p>Students may be required to eat meals in their classroom, alternative space, or an outdoor space when necessary.</p>



2021/22 Reopening Concept - Guidance

<p>Quarantine Provisions</p>	<p>In the event of a student’s need for quarantine related to COVID-19 infection or exposure, the District will support student learning remotely in times of absence from in-person learning if quarantine is indicated in accordance with current and prevailing NH DHHS guidance.</p> <p>While differing classrooms and grade levels may be able to provide a range of potential instructional options for students in quarantine, instruction for those in quarantine or isolation is not to be considered or expected to be synchronized learning. Students engaged in remote participation may be required to complete alternate activities or receive additional instruction to develop their knowledge and understanding or demonstrate their learning competency</p>
<p>Social Distancing and Mask Requirements</p>	<p>We will follow NH Department of Health and Human Services guidance pertaining to COVID-19 with any duly voted local decisions or exceptions made by the Monadnock Regional School Board as noted below.</p> <p>Social distancing protocols will continue to be followed in accordance with NH DHHS guidance unless a local decision/vote has been made.</p> <p>All students and employees may be required to wear face masks indoors only when social distancing cannot be maintained in accordance with current and prevailing NH DHHS guidance.</p> <p>Visitors may be required to wear masks in accordance with current and prevailing NH DHHS guidance.</p> <p>Any student, employee, and/or visitor may elect to wear a face mask at their personal discretion.</p> <p>We will provide face masks as needed or requested.</p>
<p>MRSB Voted Decisions/Exceptions to NH DHHS Guidance</p>	<p>MRSB voted to continue the use of masks during athletics for the remainder of the spring season and limit the use of masks outdoors to situations only where a minimum of 3' social distancing cannot be maintained. Remaining mask usage policy remains in effect. 5/18/2021</p> <p>MRSB voted to continue the current mask policy through the end of the school year, for all students, staff and visitors. 4/20/2021</p> <p>MRSB voted to follow NH DHHS guidance as released except for close contact identification (voted to contact trace for less than 6' instead of DHHS guidance of less than 3') for the duration of the current school year. 4/6/2021</p>

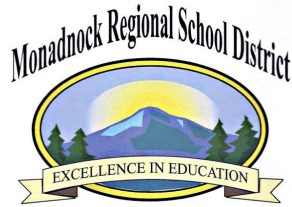


2021/22 Reopening Concept - Guidance

Illness Response

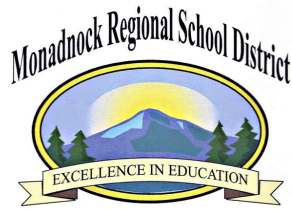
If a student or employee shows symptoms of COVID-19, the individual may be isolated and sent home as soon as practicable in accordance with current and prevailing NH DHHS guidance. The individual may need to either provide documentation of a negative test or complete quarantine in accordance with current and prevailing NH DHHS guidance.

If a student or employee reports a positive test for COVID-19, they will provide documentation to the School Nurse. The School Nurse will report the positive case on the report form for the Superintendent who will update the local tracker. The School Nurse will contact NH DHHS to report the case. The School Nurse and Principal will conduct contact tracing and identify and notify any close contacts that need to quarantine in accordance with current and prevailing NH DHHS guidance. Individuals identified as close contacts cannot test out of quarantine - the entire quarantine period must be completed unless otherwise indicated in accordance with current and prevailing NH DHHS guidance.



2021/22 Reopening Concept - Mitigation

<p>State Ordered or Recommended Closures</p>	<p>In the event of an increase in positive cases that results in a state-recommended closure, the District will shift to a temporary remote learning environment.</p> <p>Students will be issued a technology device to be used for learning (if one is not already assigned) in the event of a state-recommended closure.</p> <p>Students will receive instruction at the beginning of the year to assist them to fully utilize online learning tools in the event a closure and temporary shift to remote learning becomes necessary.</p> <p>Monadnock educators will continue to identify essential curriculum and competencies which will be essential components in the event of a closure and temporary shift to remote learning.</p>
<p>Hand Washing/Hygiene</p>	<p>Frequent hand washing and/or the use of sanitizer will be encouraged.</p> <p>Hand sanitizer stations will be readily available.</p>
<p>Cleaning and Sanitization</p>	<p>High-traffic and high-touch surfaces will be cleaned on a regular schedule.</p> <p>Training for buildings and grounds employees will occur prior to the start of the new school year.</p> <p>Students will be asked to use sanitizer prior to leaving the classroom.</p>
<p>Indoor Air Quality and Ventilation</p>	<p>Weather permitting, the use of outdoor space for educational purposes will be encouraged.</p> <p>Weather permitting, opening windows to improve air flow and exchange will be encouraged.</p> <p>HVAC systems will utilize the highest level of filtering that the individual unit can accommodate.</p>
<p>COVID-19 Testing and Vaccination</p>	<p>The District will not conduct on-site testing or diagnosis of either staff or students for COVID-19. As part of the process of self-assessing symptoms, parents and staff will continue to be required to report any positive test results to their school nurse.</p> <p>The District will continue to work with our health partners and refer individuals for testing at area locations as appropriate.</p> <p>The District may hold on-site COVID-19 vaccinations in a fashion similar to our flu shot clinics, dependent on provider and vaccine availability.</p>



2021/22 Reopening Concept - Buildings and Grounds

<p>Indoor Facility Access</p>	<p>Signs identifying the symptoms of COVID-19 will be posted at all entrances.</p> <p>Visitors will sign in at the office for contact tracing purposes. On-site screening attestation will not be required unless in accordance with current and prevailing NH DHHS guidance.</p> <p>Employees should self-assess their health prior to reporting to work each day. No screening attestation will be required unless in accordance with current and prevailing NH DHHS guidance.</p> <p>Parents and guardians should self-assess their/their child(ren)s health prior to reporting to school each day. No screening attestation will be required in accordance with current and prevailing NH DHHS guidance.</p>
<p>Facilities Use (Indoor and Outdoor)</p>	<p>Requests for facilities use by outside groups will be considered. Additional fees or restrictions may apply based on social distancing requirements and/or cleaning requirements.</p>
<p>Transportation</p>	<p>We will continue to work collaboratively with First Student to maximize social distancing on school busses and internally on District-owned transportation.</p> <p>All bus occupants may be required to wear face masks while on busses if social distancing cannot be maintained in accordance with current and prevailing NH DHHS guidance.</p> <p>Weather permitting, bus windows will be kept open to maximize air flow and exchange.</p>



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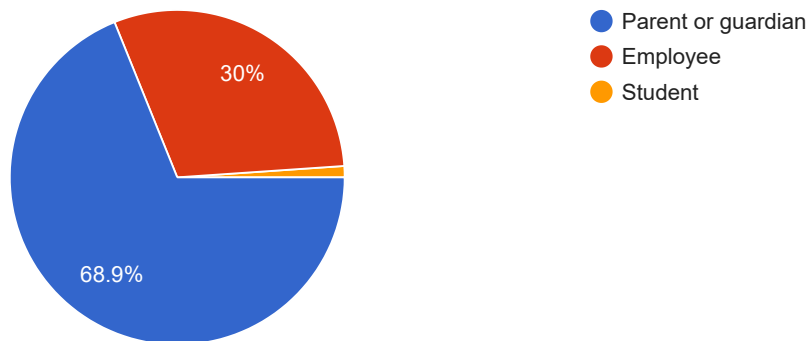
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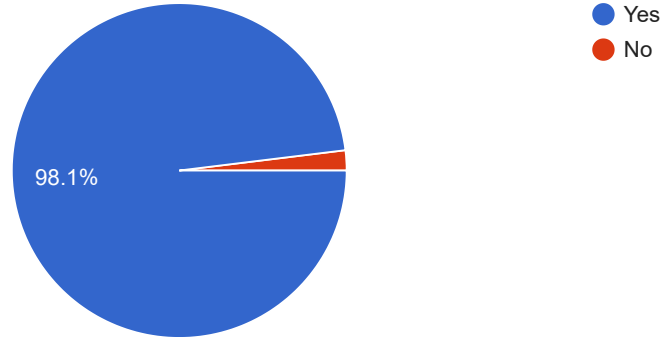
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Learning Model

Will you/your child(ren) attend school in-person in the fall?

515 responses



Mask Wearing

2021/22 School Year - Employees

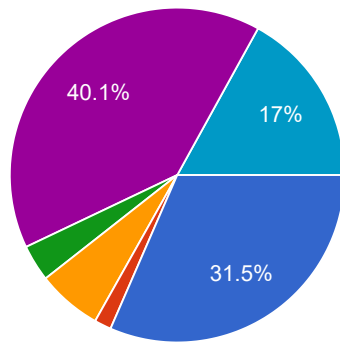
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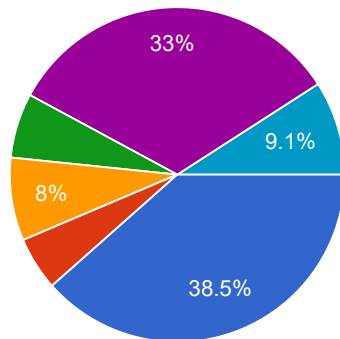


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2021/22 School Year - Students

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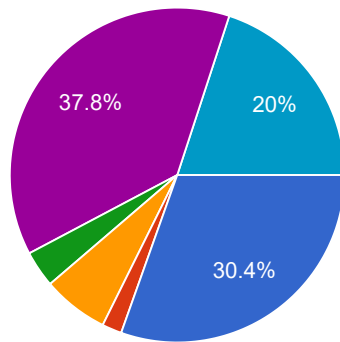
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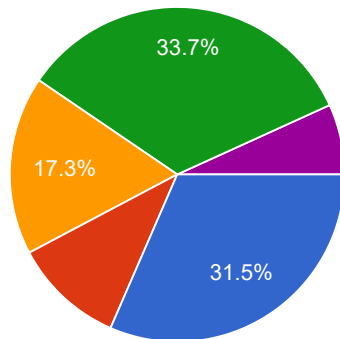


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Social Distancing

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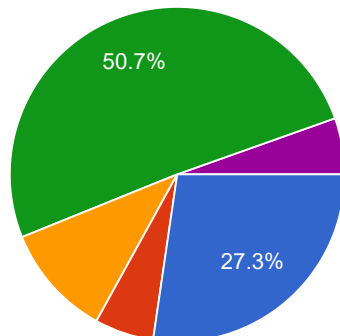
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What level of social distancing OUTDOORS would you like to see in the fall?

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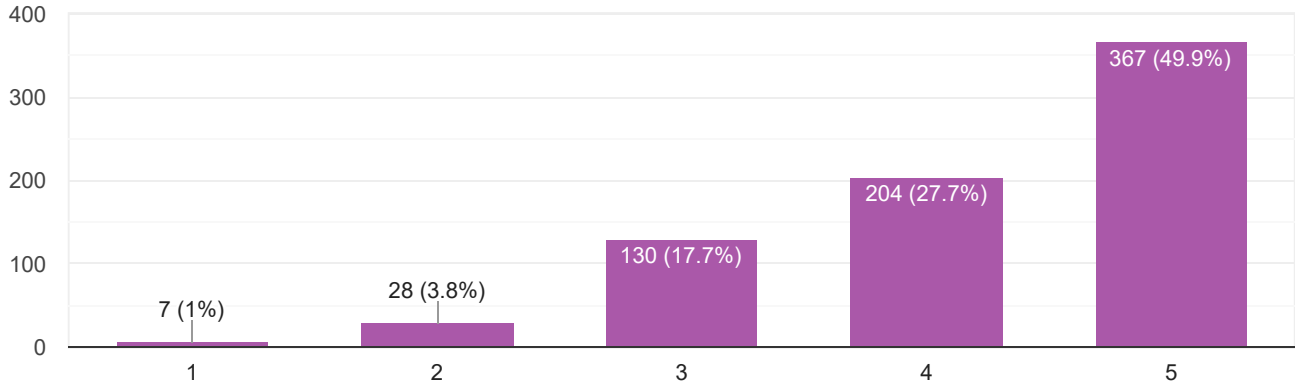


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Emotional and Social Well-Being

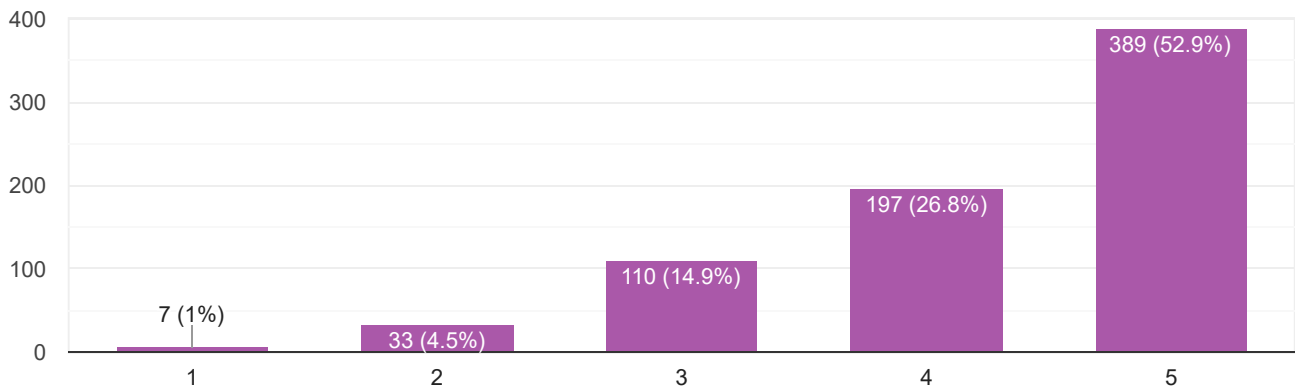
On a scale of 1 to 5, how much do you think the COVID-19 pandemic and disruption of normal life has impacted the GENERAL student population's EMOTIONAL and social well being?

736 responses



On a scale of 1 to 5, how much do you think the COVID-19 pandemic and disruption of normal life has impacted the GENERAL student population's SOCIAL well being?

736 responses



General Comments

Fall, 2021 Survey - Comments

"The end of the global pandemic" has a nice ring to it.
90 % of elementary children have no concern for covid the children are all over each other on the bus they RIP off their masks and throw them on the floor even after they have been told they have to wear them
a soft opening with supports and acclimation activities for the students and faculty
Academics has been significantly affected!
Adults wearing masks is a security risk for students and staff in the building.
All guidance from NH DHHS and CDC should be followed moving forward.
All social distancing and mask mandates should be dropped. If people want to choose to social distance or wear masks, fine, but it should not be a requirement. Let's get things back to normal.
All teachers and staff should have to get the vaccine students as well and anyone who does not needs to wear masks
Any guidance that is issued that responds to the late summer 2021 data needs to be considered and reconsidered by local school boards. A minimum standard needs to be established at the state level in order to control local "cowboys" from imposing politically driven views on local school boards.
Appreciate all of you!
At this point, I think following guidelines set forward by NH DHHS is the best we will be able to do in most instances. It is important that we work toward getting students, faculty, and staff back to as typical a routine as possible in the most safe way we possibly can. I think it may also be important to start looking at producing different guidance about safety measures for students who are in the age bracket who could receive vaccinations vs. students who are too young to do so.
By the fall everyone at the high school level will have had the opportunity to receive the vaccine if they so choose. I believe that we should get back to normal in the fall and those that want to wear masks should be able to but those that are vaccinated and don't want to wear masks, shouldn't have to.
COVID has destroyed people's lives!!!! Masks don't work!!!! This has all been a huge fraud made by the government!!! Unmask our kids!!! It's child abuse, they can't breath!!!!
COVID-19 pandemic and disruption of normal life has impacted the staff SOCIAL and EMOTIONAL well being as well.
Do not force employees or students to wear masks and end social distancing.
Do not force students or employees to wear masks and end social distancing.
Done with MASKS!!!! Done with DISTANCING!! Back to NORMAL at all levels!!
During flu season or if another sickness comes up then masks should be considered otherwise let the kids live!
End mandatory mask mandates and social distancing.
Equity in responsibilities with students. What is the role of the reading specialist in regards to students who struggle academically (significant challenges) beyond reading stories in the classroom with students or time consuming data collection? In the past, reading specialists worked with teams and teachers -teaching specific strategies to kids with specific reading challenges. This seems to be more in line with the role of a reading specialist as there effective resources such as Title 1 and other support staff that can really support schools/classrooms/families, to help keep students on grade level and exposed to specific areas of academics in which students may need support with.
Everything needs to go back to normal including dances and extra curricular activities.
Follow the guidelines and be smart about this, do what is right despite what others say
For our Children's health and the importance of a proper education, school should return as normal in the fall with no

Fall, 2021 Survey - Comments

restrictions.
Full return with optional mask wearing for anyone who wishes to wear them. Everyone will be able to be vaccinated by then if they choose to.
Full time in person schooling is needed. The district's 40% educational instruction model last year was a joke.
Full time, no masks
Get rid of the masks. This absolutely should NOT be a requirement. Totally unacceptable.
Go back to normal and teach children how to think not what to think.
Guidelines should be met. Students should space 3" to 6" apart and wear masks unless they are outside 3 to 6 feet apart. Kids should wear masks inside unless told otherwise. Hand cleaner and washing should be followed and if students do not wash hands or look as if their hands and desk area need to be cleaned, they should be told to do so.
Hope we're able to return to a more normal non masked atmosphere as long as cdc recommends that as the safe thing to do.
Hopefully back to new normal!!!
I am all for the school year in the fall of 2021, to go back to full in school. I believe the kids have lost enough academically and socially and need to get back to enjoying their childhood and all the fun and exciting things that go with growing up.
I am comfortable with my child attending school full time in the fall, I don't think she should have to wear a mask outside and if inside only if someone is within 3 feet of her
I am hopeful for a better school year ! I hope everyone has a great and healthy summer ! !
I am not comfortable with any kids wearing a mask
I am not sure why anyone's opinion would trump the NH guidelines... those are definitely created by people more equipped than us.... I hope we continue to take advice from the people doing the work as it tries to consider the safety of all. Thanks for the dedication to our community this year. My son had a great experience even though it was hard!!
I believe all windows and doors should be open at all times because there is NO circulation in that building. with that being said it's ok to mask if you want to-up to the person.
I believe that masks should be worn indoors but outside in the open air should be optional. This past year while wearing masks our family did not get colds or the flu. It would benefit every child if they were not exposed to those infections as it would allow them to be in school more and not be absent because they were sick. I also do not think that Covid is just going to go away because we want it to and want it to be over. So having masks being worn and still keeping up with cleanliness of hands and school classrooms would remain a positive impact for everyone.
I believe we should do more training for employees with anxiety and teaching students how to manage it. This pandemic has caused distress in families and our community.
I concerned with the different educational levels of individuals learning on different levels for so long
I do hope we can be as close to normal as possible for students. I appreciate the level of normal that was provided this year while being cautious for everyone's health and safety.
I do not believe students should be made to wear masks anymore.
I feel as if masks should be the staffs personal preference as well as the parents preferences regarding their children
I feel common sense has flew out the window. If a child has been exposed quarantine them for 72 hours get a PCR COVID 19 test and when the results come back negative allow them back to school. This 10 day quarantine is ridiculous. The children have missed so much already.
I have never seen so much hypocrisy around a topic as I have this year--complete hypocrisy and more double standards than I

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care to list.

I have seen improvement in my child when in person learning became 100%. I appreciate the school district doing their best to accommodate our students.

I hope that as cases continue to decrease we can return to normal school life in the fall

I hope that the NH DHHS and other guidance indicate that we can safely have students and staff without masks and working/playing as normal.

I hope the district decides to discontinue the wearing of masks at all times. If not, I will be withdrawing my child from the school and homeschooling.

I hope to see life pre pandemic return.

I hope to see mask policies and social distancing guidelines be used around the student populations (pre-k - 6th grade) that are not yet able to receive vaccines. The older age groups will hopefully be vaccinated by the fall so perhaps they could be more flexible. To be honest though masks don't hurt with a few exceptions like speech therapy. They also seem to help stop the spread other nasty things like the flu. I wouldn't be disappointed to see a cautious approach with masks at the start the year and roll it back if this COVID does not return in the winter.

The email this survey was attached to started "As we continue to move toward the end of the global pandemic, we are being asked by the New Hampshire Department of Education to complete a Fall 2021 Reopening Plan." I found it funny how it assumes we are nearing the end of the pandemic and not just its first act. Hopefully its optimistic view ends up true.

I just want the kids back to normal.

I know that requiring masks for all is a hot-topic, especially since guidance on vaccinated people and masks has changed. BUT, to not require masks to some capacity could be unsafe since becoming vaccinated is not requirement for anyone and not an option for much of our student population. So to hope that folks aren't infected or hope that folks do the right thing (like stay home if not feeling well, continue to take daily temperatures, keep a mask on when social distancing isn't possible) seems to be a foolish approach. We have gone through so many different protocols/ guidance and everyone is confused. This is not unique to this school building, but everywhere you go. Each person has a different opinion, perception, or practice regarding safety with the pandemic. Whatever the protocol that we opt for, can it please be clearly articulated and frequently reviewed (or maybe incorporate more visual reminders that could be put throughout the buildings?

I selected that we follow the guidance, since I have no idea how bad the pandemic/covid 19 will be at the time of the next school year.

I thank you for all that has been done and the communication throughout! I am glad we are planning ahead and I am looking forward to returning to some normalcy, but we don't know what the summer will bring or the fall. I think it would be wise to consider in our plan what if things are not good.

i think all students and faculty should be vaccinated

i think everyone needs to be back in the fall. The grades my student had during the pandemic were terrible and i do not think there was a whole lot of support from teachers during this time.

I think if an employee or student at MRMHS has been vaccinated they should have the option of whether or not they want to wear a mask. Students at the elementary schools don't have that option to be vaccinated yet so masks should be required. Everyone should do their part to get back to normal. The only way for that to happen is If schools require the COVID - 19 vaccine like they do the MMR and chicken pox, for example.

I think if parents are concerned about the impact of Covid on their child, they can take the initiative to get vaccinated. It should no longer be a burden on the school system

I think if restrictions are lifted - one way direction should continue to help maintain close contact - the 3' distance is a good idea

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anyways, it helps with boundaries in general.

I think if you have been fully vaccinated you should not have to wear a mask if you don't want to.

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I think mask wearing should be dependent upon vaccinations. Buildings where students do not have a vaccination available (elementary) should have all students and teachers in masks both inside and outside like we currently have. Buildings where students have access to the vaccine could follow different guidelines.

I think school should go back to normal. No masks and no social distance.

I think that a big factor should be whether or not there is a vaccine available for younger children. If all school age children were able to get vaccinated if desired then I think that policies around social distancing and mask wearing could be loosened.

I have been surprised at how well my second grader and pre-schooler have been about wearing masks. They do not seem to mind and when I ask them about it they say they forget that they are wearing it most of the time and that they only don't like it if it gets wet.

Another factor that you did not include in your survey is increased cleaning of surfaces and the importance of not coming to school when sick. I believe that both are necessary to maintain a safe and healthy school.

I think that full return has been a welcome change for these students. They seem to really enjoy being back with all of the kids and seem to crave even more interaction (other classes etc). I think they have done a good job wearing masks especially at the elementary level but I feel like they need a break from those masks.

I think that my opinions on this can vary depending on the number of staff and students who have are fully vaccinated by our return to school.

I think the cleaning protocol that is in place, should remain in place indefinitely. I think it has helped, and it should have always been done in schools and other public places as well. There is no excuse really. Cleaning should have always been done to this extent everywhere!! My children are constantly sick when they are in school, and since they have been remote, they have been absolutely fine! Go figure... it's really disgusting if you think about it.

I think this past year has proved that even the most academically gifted children struggled with the hybrid and remote learning. The emotional toll was too much for quite a few. In person learning is and will always be best

I think we all feel the same about the pandemic, as it has been more than a year of constant change for students, teachers and families...I think MRMHS has done a tremendous job trying to keep our children and teachers safe; the school clean and adhering to all of the new guidelines...I hope this fall will bring some normalcy so the children can have a locker again and not carry their full day in their backpack...It would be wonderful if we got to a point where they could take their masks off and relax...I hope everyone will consider being vaccinated so we can look forward to a healthier fall without the constant worry of transmission.

I think we always need to follow what the CDC recommends, we need to listen to the professionals who know what they're talking about

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I think we need to handle Covid as another variation of the flu - no contact tracing or quarantining.
I want my life back
I want to be safe, but I also can't take another year of teaching with a mask on. I would be happy if we went back to the way things were at the beginning of the 20-21 school year. As long as everyone is socially distanced, teachers and students should be able to take their masks off.
I work in the medical field and having the kids back in school, has been extremely helpful as in for working on school work, worrying about child care due to having to work, social emotions for my children as to learning growths. I sincerely hope that the children can continue to return to school full time this coming year as well as keeping everyone safe.
I would be comfortable with my son not wearing a mask indoors/outdoors as he is now fully vaccinated. This is what current guidelines suggest. Ultimately, I believe we should be looking to the CDC and NH DHHS.
I would like all windows to be open and I also would like to see more info in refrence to covid cases
I would like school to look as normal and pre-Covid as possible.
I would like to have my child be able to have after school help if she needs. Also the choice of wearing a mask. Our children need to have some kind of normalcy. This past year was the most difficult year of our life's.
I would like to see masks as optional based on people's comfort level.
I would like to see masks being worn by the younger students (Pre-school -2nd grade) until a vaccination is approved for those ages. Even then, masks need to be worn by students and staff to prevent COVID from spreading, because unless it is mandated by schools that students and staff have to show proof of vaccination this virus is going to keep spreading.
I would love for our schools to take what we learned during the pandemic and apply the remote work to reduce disruptions to school calendars based on weather. (Remote work be made available so the school day can count.)
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If at all possible, I would like to see specials classes at the elementary level return to their room and no longer be on a cart.
If employees and students over age 12 are vaccinated, they need not wear masks. That makes masks optional in the MS/HS, as at that point anyone who wanted to be vaccinated will have been. In schools that have students younger than 12, some level of masks should possibly remain in place depending on the levels of covid in the fall. If we want to encourage vaccination in the schools, we have to give them a carrot, and not having to wear a mask is that carrot.
If everyone who can and wants to get vaccinated is then school should go back to normal. We lost so much these last 2 school years and we just want our regular/normal school life back.
If mask wearing is part of the plan when we return I would like to see it enforced more than it is now. I see maintenance workers in my building with no masks routinely, and more and more teachers and paras are not wearing them even around students. It worries me given that we do have COVID going around our schools. Staff needs to understand that no matter their personal views this is a district wide expectation.
If possible I would like to remain doing remote and a could zoom meetings a couple days a week
If students and employees are vaccinated then mask and social distancing should be optional
If the concerned staff and students are vaccinated school should go back to being 100% normal!

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If you can now enter buildings without masks and there have been so few cases and deaths within our district, then please let's be realistic and let these children have a normal life. They should have free choice to decide to cover their mouths from air, facial expressions and life if that is their own choice. Please let the children and employees breath again.

Important for kids to be in school and if vaccinated free to not wear masks

In regards to mask wearing and social distancing there is increasing research from doctorate level professionals and scientists that suggest that mask wearing for adults when teaching children can hinder social and language development aswell as cause psychological problems for children. Social distancing goes against the basics of teaching most social skills. Children should never have to wear a mask. I will not send my child if masks and social distancing are a requirement in the fall at any time of the day.

In the high school, where staff and students have the opportunity to be vaccinated, masks should be optional and social distancing should not impact the school day. Things should return to a more normal routine. In elementary buildings, where students do not have access to the vaccine, schools should remain as they are now. Both students and staff masked and social distancing in place.

It is hard to fill this out as the fall 2021 school year is still three months away and a lot can happen in three months. But I understand having to put a plan in place now.

It would be good to have another committee to look at reopening plans for the fall. It should include nurses who are well versed in the ongoing pandemic and precautions/protocols which are always changing. It is a medical pandemic and should include the medical professionals in the district.

It would be helpful if everyone who is able to get vaccinated do so! This is one way we can protect those who are unable to get vaccinated!

It would be helpful to compare CDC guidelines with DHHS guidelines. CDC guidelines seem to have been more reliable.

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Kids are not at risk and need to be around other kids.

kids are permitted to work in small groups so the distancing is a little bit of a myth. However, I believe the district should continue to clean and sanitize as other illnesses have been reduced and kids should continue to wash their hands a lot...which in years past- they weren't even asked to wash their hands before lunch even after recess.

Let kids and adults live as they wish no judgments on vaccinated or non vaccinated students. Let them be kids reduce their depression from all of this.

Let's get back to normal. So we as parents aren't worrying about our children education and mental health in the future!!!!!!!

Let's get back to normal for everyone in the school.

Let's get back to normal in the schools. This virus effected a certain population, the elderly. The teachers and students were not in that demographic. I know other schools like St. Joseph was open all this year. We played sports last summer outside and fall winter and spring this year with no problem. The one lessen that we all learned is we need to take care of ourselves better. We need to get back to go basic habits and we need to teach our kids by example. Like someone once said " food should be our medicine and medicine should be our food".

Life needs to get back to what it was.

Looking forward to a little more normalcy again.

looking forward to it

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MIT released a calculator on infectious spread, which shows that the 6 ft rule is really unreliable. I would encourage the district to consider this, especially since we have outdated MERV filtration at schools. https://indoor-covid-safety.herokuapp.com/
Move forward. Those who have chosen to get vaccinated with have done so. Allow masks as an option if someone is concerned, but enough is enough. Children are falling behind in their education and social growth. Homes with abusive situations are able to stay disguised & those should be the more pressing concerns at this point.
My child will not return if masks are required.
My comments here may be differently depending where we are in a pandemic, and vaccinations for everyone
My hope is that we can achieve normalcy this fall. I do believe that Covid-19 has had a significant impact on all of us. And, I would love it if we could move forward, as safely as possible.
My responses to mask wearing are due to the fact that by the fall all students at MRMHS will have had to opportunity to fully vaccinate if they wish to be.
n/a
No mandatory vaccinations, no mandatory masks
None of these questions address the vaccination issue other than the possibility that it might be included in the DHHS guidelines, which we don't know. There is 2+ months between now and then. We don't know what scientific information will be known between now and then. I think this survey is premature.
Our district has been absolutely amazing with every step that has needed to be taken. I pray we can start school again after the summer with everything being back to normal like before covid. No mask, no spacing. Just pure normal for these kids. I believe if something is to pop up along the way it will be taken care of in the absolute best way.
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Our school has handled this pandemis as well as we could.
Please do everything possible to have the school open every day and don't require masks.
Please end mandatory mask mandates and social distancing.
please focus on basics -- reading writing math play/free time;
Please get rid of masks. Also please don't make the covid vaccine mandatory or I will pull my children
Please let these children go back to school and have it feel as normal as can safely be maintained.
Please protect vulnerable students and families regardless of what the white ignorant hillbillies want
Please return to what a normal school setting should look like for kids! No masks, no social distancing requirements etc
School has done a remarkable job navigating these issues-thank you
Send the kids back full time and with the option to wear masks if they want. It's time for the kids to get their education back!!
Since I'm no expert, my thought is to always defer to NH DHHS. However, I'm also hopeful for a more normal return to school. Depending on vaccine progress with the youngest kids, I recognize that we might still need masking in the fall, or that if an outbreak pops up, we'd go back to masking for a bit. Whatever keeps the staff and students safest, we're for!
Students need to remain in school, and be allowed back following negative Covid test just as hospital employees are.
Students should wear masks Indoors, If not vaccinated
Thank you for doing all that you can!

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Thank you to all teachers and staff for your hard work and dedication. Please continue doing what is safe for all involved.

Thanks for all of your hard work this year!

The children should not have to wear masks indoors or outdoors. Children also need to see the faces of adults/all children for various developmental and social emotional reasons.

The mask questions are a bit challenging to answer without more information. It depends on our covid status as a community. I answered the questions as if we were in the same situation we are now (one of the highest rates of covid in the state). If our cases decrease dramatically and more people continue to get vaccinated, my answers would change dramatically.

We should have a PLAN in place to welcome kids back in a positive way, while simultaneously not reducing our expectations or lowering the bar. One of the things kids need most is to return to a normal schedule. But they'll also need academic and organizational support. I'd love to see a united way of incorporating these learned skills into our routines. The more we do consistently, the better it will be for the students.

The masks have become the normal for our students and they are used to wearing them. In terms of keeping students apart next year, I don't think that is a big deal. Our students are together on the playground and in the classrooms they are close together because of lack of space. Things have gone well even as we are full-return. It will be interesting if we see illnesses next fall if we do not wear masks, but I don't have a strong opinion on that. We should continue hand washing after every transition, that has been helpful.

The questions on emotional and social health can be taken many ways. There are children on each side experiencing issues. Some because they're not feeling safe and some that want normal back.

The questions/opinions presented do not account for #'s of those who have received vaccinations, active cases in our community (school), nor the #'s of cases in the state. Safety first, do no harm

There should not be a mandate on wearing a mask if you are not vaccinated. People have the right to decide to have the vaccine or not and should not be made to feel like they are different because they didn't have the vaccine and are now being made to wear a mask because they choose not to be vaccinated.

These kids should be able be kids and NOT wear masks and should not have to social distance anymore. If people still feel unsafe, than stay home and keep your family home. Enough is enough and our kids deserve some normalcy. We have been compliant long enough with these masks. Vaccines are completely available, let's move on already.

They should not have sent all the kids back full time after spring break of all times. Continue hybrid for the rest of the year would have been better. Considering almost every week we get a notice about another case, why the rush to get back to 5 days of schooling?? The kids only have few weeks of school left & my child said the wearing of masks is not strictly enforced in some classes. This will never end if everyone isn't all on the same page. We still don't know everything about "Covid 19". Let's hope Fall 2021 goes a little better & there are still protocols in place. You've asked for parental & student input, please listen!!!

this is really too early to be making this type of decision -- a lot depends on vaccinations and availability to younger population and what percentage of staff and students received one

Time to get back to living and normalcy. If students or parents are scared they can choose other options.

Under 12 yrs old consider same precautions as prior to vaccine being they may not have vaccine avail to that age group

Unless the students get vaccinated, I think masks should be worn if less than 6 ft..

Very pleased with the schools overall handling of pandemic related issues

We are very excited to be back full time in person, we hope everyone feels save and cared for like we do!

We have to see what the outbreak numbers look like in the fall. We all know that they will spike up. All teachers should be vaccinated also, no exceptions! It should NOT be voluntary. Unless there is an underlying reason that they cannot receive the vaccine. Parents should also be aware and help out, and not be anti vax as I have already been seeing.. they will spread it

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from their households to others through their children who attend school. We can't end the pandemic this way.
We should follow the CDC and DHHS in all aspects. To place additional controls would affect the students' willingness to engage in the school, certainly at MRMHS.
We should return to normal. If someone feels the need to wear a mask to make themselves feel better it should be allowed however it should also work the other way. If someone chooses to not wear a mask it should also be allowed. A return to "normal " should be left to personal choice. Everyone has different comfort levels. For some people wearing a mask was extremely uncomfortable and pretty near unbearable. Personal choice should always be at the top of concerns and recently it doesn't seem like it was. IT'S TIME TO MOVE ON!
We want a full return next year!!
We want normalcy with out requirements!
We want normalcy without requirement!
Whatever the CDC mandates for mask wearing and Social distancing I agree with.
When available, the COVID-19 vaccine should be required the way other vaccinations are. If my daughter is required to be vaccinated against Hep-b (which she is significantly less likely to contract), the covid vaccine should also be a requirement.
While I feel we should follow the suggestions of NH DHHS, returning to a normalcy within safe parameters is quintessential to the health and wellbeing of our children. If students and staff choose to wear a mask, let them, but there should be no perception of ill intent or disregard for those individuals that choose to not wear one. Reminders of kindness and general respect should be built into this process and the updated school guidelines. This is another teaching moment for staff and students, seize the moment openly and transparently. And please don't make this a political endeavor or larger than it needs to be.
Why do these survey's represent ultimatums? Asking me now if my kids will return to school is foolish. I would like them to, but what does the world look like then? What are the DHHS guidelines for if we don't follow them? Why would we expect the staff to wear masks and not the kids?
Would recommend to continue following six feet distance and to wear mask as there is no vaccine yet for kids and always a good practice to keep kids safe and out if risk.
You are all doing a great job
You didn't ask about vaccines. I'm more comfortable with my answers if I know more employees and students are vaccinated
You guys are heroes
You have done a wonderful job with everything you have done so far. I trust that you will continue moving in the right direction to get all of our kids back to a normal routine and school atmosphere. Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do.

Reopen the schools. You are doing a disservice to our students in terms of quality of education, mental health and socialization.

I dont think the remote option should be taken away from families, especially if the parents feel it is the safer option for their children as well as themselves. Someone in the family may be high risk. You have no right to take it away, its the parents right to enforce it if they feel its needed. We were told that from day one! Cleaning should be followed and mask use should be enforced, where it was not being enforced fully throughout the year already. I have seen numerous photos of staff with masks under their noses, as well as the children, when they are less than 2 inches from their faces! Nearing the end of the pandemic?? We arent there yet and not even close with people refusing to follow protocols, and refusing to get vaccinated. Teachers should ALL be vaccinated unless there is an allergy issue or something on the lines of that. No excuses! Cases will rise again in the fall, hopefully not, but by the way things are going, i feel they might. Safety and family first!

I think you have considered a majority of the potential scenarios that could play out in the fall. I would offer one more note to consider, please do not require vaccinations of children at this time. I worry that we're in a rush to adapt culture without understanding the long range effects on our bodies. As an adult, I am willing to risk future health concerns for myself to help our community slow transmission of Covid. As a parent, I do not want to take that same risk with my young child. Please allow more time for vaccines to be tested and validated before requiring our children to vaccinate for COVID.

Its too soon to say in person only school in the fall. We dont know what things will look like then. Remote should always be an option! Period. And allergies keep kids out of school or they get sent home. So, whats the point?? A little runny nose?? Sent home. Cleaning should be a priority, and masks should be used properly when needed. Not under the nose! Vaccines for trachers should be mandatory also. We need to keep the parents and the children safe, and not shove them in full time because some parents dont want to deal with their kids being at home anymore. We have all adapted and did what we had to do. We managed, and children

I see you are proposing to continue Soft Openings for the foreseeable future. Although this was helpful for kids and parents getting a feel for the school after a long absence, I'm not sure if it will be nearly as popular in the future. The need will not be there, with luck. If they are to continue, I certainly hope they are a permanent REPLACEMENT for Open house. To ask staff to give up time for both - especially valuable classroom time at the beginning of the school year - is asking a lot for not much in return. nor should parents be expected to go to both.

<https://www.wmur.com/article/2-new-hampshire-school-districts-sued-by-parents-over-mask-rules-for-students/36573355>
This is a link to one of the articles written about 2 NH school districts being sued for mask rules for student because of the NH laws in place to protect children's breathing freely in school. There is no state mandate for masks. If we follow what the state of NH suggests, we can recommend mask wearing. Please let the families make the choice for themselves. There's no need to make people wear them or keep them from wearing them. This is America, this is NH. Please let the individuals make the choice for themselves. In a community update email sent 3/19/21 from the school, there is a link for NH updated guidance (Coronavirus update #38) it reads "Emerging evidence during the COVID-19 pandemic (see CDC Science Brief and NH DPHS Considerations for Transitioning Between School Instructional Models), and NH's experience with contact tracing in schools, continues to show schools are low-risk for spreading COVID-19". Please let our kids breathe freely if they choose to. Thank you.