

## Superintendent's School Reopening Message 8-14-2020

Dear Captain Isaac Paine Elementary School Families,

Thank you for your continued patience and support as we continue to prepare for the 2020-2021 school year and adjust those plans as new guidance and information becomes available. Wednesday afternoon the Governor formally announced a change to the state-wide 2020-2021 school calendar. This adjustment to the calendar was done to give everyone across the state time to get the reopening of schools right. **The revised statewide calendar is linked at the end of this document.** We will forward a calendar that contains additional dates specific to our district next week. The state summarized the changes to the state calendar as follows:

- We are adjusting the first day of classes for students to Monday, September 14.
- We are adjusting the end of the school year to June 25, 2021.
- We are scheduling three days of professional development for our teachers from September 9-11.
- As a result of these adjustments, our timeframe for making a decision on school reopening scenarios will move to the week of August 31.

I am happy to report that as of 10:00pm today approximately 3/4 of our Captain Isaac Paine School families have completed the registration process for the 2020-2021 school year:

- 51 families selected full in-person learning,
- 50 families requested hybrid learning, and
- 44 families requested full distance learning.

**To help ensure proper planning families must register for one of three options for returning to school by the end of the day on August 15<sup>th</sup>.** We still have about 50 children that have not been registered by their families yet. My August 5, 2020 email provided additional information on the choices we are offering to our families. That email is posted on our website.

If you have not had the chance to complete the registration process, please do so at your earliest convenience. Our goal is to honor the preference of parents to the extent we can. Families need to explicitly register for full in-person, hybrid, or full virtual learning through an online registration process. If a child is not registered for one of these three options, then he/she will be registered for the hybrid learning with in-person instruction two (2) days a week and distance learning 3 days a week. Similarly, families must OPT-IN for transportation for the school year. If parents/guardians do not register for bus transportation, those students will NOT be included on the bus rosters to allow for more efficient and accurate planning of routes.

## Registration Forms for Captain Isaac Paine Elementary School

To access the registration form for 100% In-Person Learning, Hybrid Learning, Virtual Learning or Transportation please visit <http://paineschool.org/>.

You can access the form directly with the following link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeIK1dJ7aNYFaW39nYPYOPCAJpmcQnAM3zne3qwqrbzl9L2Fg/viewform>

### **Second School Reopening Forum Date Reminder**

The Governor changed her date to announce the state's plan for reopening schools across our state from the week of August 16<sup>th</sup> to the week of August 31<sup>st</sup>. Our second family forum was intended to share our final plans based on the state's plan. As a result, we will not have answers to a number of questions. **The Second Family Forum for our Captain Isaac Paine Elementary School families will still be held on Wednesday, August 19, 2020 at 6:30pm.**

During this forum we will provide additional details on our school reopening plan – informed by the decision of the state and the registrations submitted by our families for full in-person, hybrid, or virtual learning. We will also address questions that families may have. This forum will be held via ZOOM forum.

#### **Watch the Forum From a Device:**

Families may view the meeting from an electronic device (desktop/laptop/tablet or phone) via the Zoom platform by going to:

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://fgschools.zoom.us/j/98570628761>

#### **Listening to the Meeting From a Telephone:**

Families may listen to the meeting by dialing into the following conference call number **1-646-558-8656**, and entering the following Meeting ID #: **985 7062 8761**

A number of our families have reached out with specific questions relating to school reopening in-person, virtual learning, hybrid learning, and transportation. If you have questions specific to Captain Isaac Paine Elementary School, you can email Principal Clark directly at: [marcella.clark@paineschool.org](mailto:marcella.clark@paineschool.org)

### **Second School Reopening Family Forum Survey**

To help prepare for this forum we created a brief survey that you can use to submit questions in advance of our Second School Reopening Family Forum. We will review the submitted questions to look for common themes and build some of those responses into the introductory portion of the forum.

Please use the link below to submit questions in advance.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SLHVW8Q>

### **Weekly Communication on School Reopening Plans**

There are now four weeks to the start of the 2020-2021 school year. We will send out a weekly communication to keep on families summarizing the steps we have taken to prepare for the reopening of schools. We will also be gathering additional information from our families and staff to inform our ongoing work.

### **Closing Information**

The State of Rhode Island developed five broad metrics to guide the school reopening decisions. We expect the state to make a final determination about when and in what ways schools will reopen the week of August 31st. After that announcement we will finalize or plans for reopening. Thank you again for your support and partnership in this constantly evolving work.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Barnes

Superintendent of Foster and Foster-Glocester Regional Schools

[2020-21 School Calendar Updated 8-12-2020.pdf](#)