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Hinsdale School District Fall 2020 School Re-opening plan

Determining how to open school in 2020-2021 has not been an easy decision or one taken lightly. The school board, administration and staff have worked tirelessly to study the most current information available to provide the most well thought out decision possible. The safety of our students, staff and community are at the core of all decisions. In May, a school reopening steering committee was established and began working on plans for all contingencies of what learning may look like for the fall of 2020. The task force consisted of administration, educators, special education, facilities, parents, and health care professionals. The school board would like to thank all the task force members for their time, dedication and well thought out presentation of options. There has also been a concerted effort to consider input from all stakeholders in this decision. Multiple surveys were conducted with both families and staff and we also appreciate all the community members that reached out directly with their feedback. We as a board know that this is a stressful time for all of you. Please be assured that the safety, education, physical and emotional health of our students and staff are our primary concern.

At this time, based on the recommended options, guidance from the New Hampshire Governor's office, the New Hampshire Department of Education, the Center for Disease Control and various other resources; the school board has decided to accept the steering committees' recommendation for full access for the elementary school and Hybrid/modified full access for the Middle/High School, with modifications, for the fall of 2020. Full details of this plan can be accessed through the Hinsdale School District web page. This plan is a work in progress as final preparations are made. The school district will make every effort to keep you updated on their web page at <http://www.hnhsd.org/> and through other various communications.

Please keep in mind that the current pandemic dictates that this plan be somewhat fluid and that this is what our re-opening plan looks like as of today. The schools are also very well prepared to adjust quickly should the situation change, and other options become more favorable.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wayne Woolridge".

Wayne Woolridge
Superintendent

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