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Dear Westfield Families,

Westfield Public Schools continues to refine our “Return to School” plan for the fall based on state and local guidance and community feedback. I want to again thank you for your patience as we work to implement a learning model that is in the best interest and safety of students, staff, and community. One challenge that remains consistent is the need to revise our strategy as guidance changes. We will have our draft Reopening Plan completed and submitted to the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) on Friday, August 14, 2020, as required. We will also share this proposal with families on our district website, district Facebook page, and by email. However, while we are submitting our draft final plan to DESE, we know that we need to be flexible because it is more than likely that this plan will continue to evolve between now and the start of school.

I want to express our genuine appreciation to the over 2,400 families that have participated in our surveys about returning to school so far. We have taken this feedback as well as comments received by email and phone calls into consideration in our plan development. On Monday, August 10, there will be a special School Committee meeting at 5:30 p.m. At this meeting, our current plan will be shared along with a proposed revision to the 2020-2021 school calendar. Interested community members can tune in to this meeting by visiting <https://www.cityofwestfield.org/511/Community-Access-TV>. The School Committee will be voting on one of two learning models, to begin Full Remote for all students or to begin the phased plan toward the Hybrid Learning Model.

Attached to this letter is the Draft Plan that was submitted to DESE on July 31 and additional FAQ that we put together from common questions that families have asked to date. Moving forward, a final Enrollment Verification Survey link for parents to choose either our Hybrid Learning Model or our Remote Learning Model will be distributed to all families next week. Questions about transportation and technology needs will also be asked. Families still have the option of selecting the Full Remote Learning Model for the entire 2020-2021 school year regardless of the model selected by the School Committee. It is especially important that all families complete this survey so that we can continue to finalize our “Return to School” plan.

Finally, please take a look at our Back to School Information page on our district website at [http://www.schoolsofwestfield.org/back\\_to\\_school\\_information](http://www.schoolsofwestfield.org/back_to_school_information). This page includes links to district communications, guidance documents provided to school districts from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, and more about our return to school planning process.

Sincerely,

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