

MEETING 7/14/20 AT 1:30 FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL EDUCATORS

QUESTION: WHAT WOULD PLAN BE IF SOMEONE TESTED POSITIVE? WHAT WOULD REQUIREMENTS BE?

ANSWER: THE RECENT POSITIVE CASE AT NORTH QUINCY HIGH SCHOOL WAS OVERVIEWED AND THE PROTOCOL WAS EXECUTED. THE DEFINITION OF CLOSE CONTACT WAS REVIEWED.

QUESTION: WILL THIS PRESENTATION BE SHARED?

ANSWER: YES, IT WILL BE POSTED AND WE ARE KEEPING NOTES. WE ARE CREATING QPS REOPENING PAGE. THAT IS WHERE ANYTHING WE SHARE WILL BE POSTED THERE.

QUESTION: WHAT HAPPENS IF STUDENT REFUSES TO WEAR A MASK?

ANSWER: WE WILL BE ADDRESSING THIS ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS. DUE TO DISABILITY OR MEDICAL ISSUE A STUDENT MAY NOT BE REQUIRED TO WEAR A MASK. IF IT IS STRICTLY REFUSAL THEN THE NORMAL DISCIPLINARY ACTION WILL BE TAKEN.

QUESTION: WITH PARENT SURVEY... WILL PARENTS BE AWARE OF SOME STUDENTS NOT WEARING MASKS?

ANSWER: WE WILL DEFINITELY TALK WITH FAMILIES ABOUT MASKS. WE WILL HAVE GUIDELINES IN PLAN REGARDING MASKS.

QUESTION: CDC RECOMMENDS 6 FT WHY WOULD 3 FT BE ACCEPTABLE?

ANSWER: WE DO NOT AGREE WITH IT AT ALL. WE ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT PLAN INCLUDING A 3 FT MODEL.

QUESTION: WHAT IF STUDENT COMES TO SCHOOL SICK?

ANSWER: STUDENTS WOULD GO TO AN ISOLATION ROOM AND PARENT WOULD BE CALLED FOR PICKUP. GUIDELINES ARE THAT TEMPERATURE CHECKS NOT BE DONE BECAUSE SOME PEOPLE HAVE FEVER AND OTHERS DON'T. TYLENOL OR OTHER PAIN MEDICATIONS MAY MASK A FEVER. WE WILL NEED TO RELY ON PARENTS. PARENTS SHOULD CONTACT THE NURSE WITH CONCERNS OR QUESTIONS REGARDING SENDING THEIR STUDENT.

QUESTION: HOW WILL WE BE KEEPING STUDENTS SAFE IF CLASSES ARE OUTSIDE? WILL THERE BE MORE SECURITY?

ANSWER: WE DO NOT FEEL OUTSIDE CLASSES ARE A GOOD IDEA. HOWEVER, EVERYTHING IS ON THE TABLE. SECURITY WOULD BE A FACTOR. WE WOULD TRY TO HAVE CLASSES INDOORS IN OUR BUILDINGS?

QUESTION: WILL COHORTS MOVE FROM CLASS TO CLASS OR WILL TEACHERS?

ANSWER: COHORTS SHOULD BE CONTAINED TO ONE CLASS AND TEACHERS WOULD MOVE TO CLASSES PER RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE STATE. DISCUSSED HOW GREAT FOOD SERVICE HAS BEEN AND WILL BE GOING FORWARD AND CHALLENGES THEY FACE. FOOD WILL BE PREPARED IN BUILDINGS. FOOD WILL BE SERVED IN CLASSROOMS.

COMMENT: SOCIAL EMOTIONAL WELL BEING FOR KIDS THAT HAVE TO STAY IN ONE CLASS ALL DAY IS CONCERNING

ANSWER: IT IS A MAJOR CONCERN AND ONE OF OUR BIGGEST CONCERNS DURING FOCUS GROUPS. WE ARE TRYING TO COME UP WITH PLAN TO KEEP THEM ENGAGED.

QUESTION: ARE TEACHERS PART OF COHORT? WOULD THEY BE IN ONE WEEK REMOTE ANOTHER?

ANSWER: WE ARE TRYING TO CREATE A PLAN TO MIMIC AS MUCH NORMALCY AS POSSIBLE. IT IS DIFFICULT TO SAY WHAT SCHEDULES WOULD LOOK LIKE. AS WE DEVELOP PLAN WE WILL COMMUNICATE REGULARLY. THE QUARANTINE PROTOCOLS FOR POSITIVE COVID STUDENTS/FACULTY.

QUESTION: WILL THIS BE DISTRICT WIDE PLAN OR SCHOOL BY SCHOOL?

ANSWER: DISTRICT WIDE PLAN. EACH SCHOOL IS DIFFERENT SO IT MAY BE A LITTLE DIFFERENT BUT BOTH HIGH SCHOOLS WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE THE SAME.

QUESTION: HOW DO WE MONITOR NUMBER OF STUDENTS IN BATHROOM AND NURSE?

ANSWER: WE WILL NEED TO ADDRESS THAT AT FOCUS GROUP LEVEL. WE NEED TO PUT A PLAN TOGETHER AND THIS WILL BE LOCALIZED. WE MAY NEED TO HAVE SOMEBODY THAT IS MONITORING STUDENTS TRAVEL WITHIN THE BUILDING.

QUESTION: WILL ALL STUDENTS BE GIVEN CHROME BOOKS?

ANSWER: YES, STUDENTS GRADE 5-11 WILL RECEIVE THEM AND ALL STAFF WILL RECEIVE LAPTOPS.

QUESTION: WILL STUDENTS BE EATING IN CLASSROOMS? WHAT ABOUT SANITIZATION?

ANSWER: YES, IN CLASSROOM AND THERE IS A DEEP CLEANING AND PROTOCOL FOR SANITIZATION THAT IS FOLLOWED. AFTER DEEP CLEAN ECHO MACHINE IS USED PER STATE AND LOCAL GUIDELINES.

QUESTION: IF STUDENT AND STAFF ARE QUARANTINED WILL THEY CONTINUE REMOTE LEARNING?

ANSWER: THIS WILL BE EVALUATED ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS. IF THEY WERE ABLE TO ENGAGE THEN YES BUT HEALTH AND WELL BEING FIRST.

QUESTION: CAN TEACHERS TAKE A SICK DAY NON COVID AND WHAT ARE PLANS FOR SUBSTITUTES?

ANSWER: YES, AND WE ARE LOOKING ON HIRING HIGHLY QUALIFIED LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTES. LOOKING TO PAY MORE AND OFFER BENEFITS. WE NEED TO LOOK AT FUNDING.

QUESTION: WILL THERE BE COMMUNICATION TO ALL STAFF IF A TEACHER OR STUDENT TESTS POSITIVE?

ANSWER: YES

QUESTION: WHERE MOST OF US TEACH MANY CLASSES WOULD WE NEED TO QUARANTINE AN ENTIRE GRADE?

ANSWER: IF WE NEEDED TO QUARANTINE WE WOULD TRY TO GO QUICKLY TO REMOTE

QUESTION: IF WE DO HYBRID WILL ALL STAFF DO BOTH?

ANSWER: STILL WORKING THAT OUT SOME MAY BE HIGH RISK AND ONLY ABLE TO DO REMOTE ETC.

QUESTION: WILL CLASSROOM SUPPLIES BE SHARED IN CLASS?

ANSWER: WE ARE DEFINITELY NOT RECOMMENDING SHARING SUPPLIES.

QUESTION: WHAT WOULD BE PROTOCOL FOR TEACHERS/STUDENTS TRAVELING AND COMING BACK TO SCHOOL?

ANSWER: ANY TRAVEL WITHIN NEW ENGLAND THEY DO NOT HAVE TO SELF QUARANTINE BUT HOT SPOT PLACES THEN YES THEY WOULD BE REQUIRED TO DO SO.

QUESTION: WHAT MEASURE WILL BE TAKEN TO CARE FOR HIGH RISK STUDENTS AND STAFF?

ANSWER: FOR HIGH RISK MEDICAL STUDENTS, WE WOULD POTENTIALLY KEEP THOSE STUDENTS REMOTE. WITH REGARD TO HIGH NEED STAFF...THOSE MEMBERS COULD POTENTIALLY BE OUR REMOTE EDUCATORS. WE WILL CERTAINLY LOOK AT THAT IN PLAN. WE WILL FOLLOW ALL GUIDELINES THAT COME DOWN FROM CDC AND SOME PARENTS MAY BE COMFORTABLE AND SOME WON'T FOR MANY REASONS. WE WILL DO EVERYTHING WE CAN.

QUESTION: SCIENCE DESKS AND LAB TABLES? HOW WILL WE WORK AROUND THAT? HOW WILL WE FIT STUDENTS?

ANSWER: YES WE HAVE TO LOOK AT THAT AND HOPEFULLY SPLITTING CLASSES AND MOVING TO LARGER SPACES WILL HELP WITH THAT PLAN.

QUESTION: TO STREAMLINE WILL WE BE USING THE FULL USE OF GOOGLE MEETS?

ANSWER: WE ARE GOING TO CONSIDER AS LONG AS WE MAINTAIN CONFIDENTIALITY. WE ARE WORKING WITH IT AND IF THEY COULD MAKE IT SECURE WE WOULD BE INTERESTED.

QUESTION: IF STUDENTS WILL BE EATING IN CLASS WILL IT BE NUT FREE?

ANSWER: WE WILL BRING THAT QUESTION TO FOOD SERVICE BUT I WOULD IMAGINE YES IT WOULD BE.

QUESTION: VENTILATION..IS THERE A PLAN TO INSTALL UPDATE VENTILATIONS IN SCHOOLS?

ANSWER: ALL FILTERS ARE BEING REPLACED. WE WILL BE WORKING WITH TASK FORCE AND MAKE SURE ALL SYSTEMS MEET OR EXCEED ALL GUIDELINES

QUESTION: IF STUDENTS ARE IN COHORTS WHAT WILL HAPPEN WITH AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES?

ANSWER: DESE GUIDELINES THAT WERE ISSUED ON ATHLETICS WAS EXPLAINED TIER ONE THRU FOUR WERE DISCUSSED.

QUESTION: IF TEACHERS ARE ROTATING WHAT WILL THE BATHROOM BREAKS LOOK LIKE? WILL THEY BE UNSUPERVISED?

ANSWER: WE ARE WORKING WITH TASK FORCE ON PLANS.

QUESTION: WILL SCHOOLS ADD NURSING STAFF?

ANSWER: WE ARE TAKING A LOOK AT THAT. IT DEPENDS ON BUDGET. WE COULD POTENTIALLY LOOK AT NURSE SUBSTITUTES.

QUESTION: WITH REGARD TO THE HYBRID OPTION WILL TEACHERS BE REQUIRED TO BE IN SCHOOL 5 DAYS PER WEEK?

ANSWER: DESE WANTS STUDENTS ENGAGED FIVE DAYS A WEEK.

QUESTION: WHAT ARE PROTOCOLS FOR STUDENTS/STAFF WITH UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITIONS?

ANSWER: REMOTE LEARNING IS RECOMMENDED.

QUESTION: WHAT ABOUT A PREP PERIOD IF STUDENTS ARE ALWAYS IN CLASS?

ANSWER: WE WANT TO MAINTAIN AS MUCH NORMALCY AS POSSIBLE. WE WILL BE WORKING ON STAFF SCHEDULES.

QUESTION: HOW WILL SPECIALIST CLASSES BE HANDLED?

ANSWER: WE WILL BE LOOKING TO HAVE A NORMAL SCHOOL DAY. THEY MAY BE IN PERSON BUT THE SPECIALISTS MAY HAVE TO BE REMOTE.

QUESTION: IF STAFF QUARANTINES WOULD STAFF HAVE TO USE SICK TIME?

ANSWER: NO IF IT'S COVID RELATED THEY WOULD STILL BE PAID.

QUESTION: FAUCETS SHOULD BE ABLE TO BE USED WITHOUT USING BOTH HANDS WILL THAT BE MODIFIED?

ANSWER: WE WILL TAKE A LOOK AT THAT AND MAKE SURE WE ARE MAINTAINING HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES.

QUESTION: WILL YOU BE ASKING STAFF TO IDENTIFY WHETHER THEY ARE HIGH RISK?

ANSWER: NO WE WILL NOT REQUIRE STAFF TO SELF IDENTIFY. IT'S TO THEIR BENEFIT TO STAY SAFE BUT THEY DO NOT HAVE TO RELEASE THAT INFORMATION.

QUESTION: SOME COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN USING PLEXI GLASS AND OTHER SAFETY GUIDELINES WILL WE BE USING THAT?

ANSWER: THIS IS NOT CURRENTLY RECOMMENDED BUT SOMETHING WE MAY HAVE TO LOOK AT AFTER STATE AND LOCAL HEALTH OFFICIALS RELEASE GUIDELINES.

QUESTION: WILL FANS OR AC UNITS BE ALLOWED IN CLASSROOMS?

ANSWER: WE WILL BRING THAT UP WITH PUBLIC BUILDING DEPT AND THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH OF QUINCY. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE WITHIN PROPER SAFETY PROTOCOLS.

QUESTION; WHAT ABOUT TRAVELING TEACHERS?

ANSWER: WE ARE TRYING TO LIMIT THAT SO THE GOAL IS TO HAVE PEOPLE STAY IN ONE BUILDING.

QUESTION: IF THERE IS A CERTAIN NUMBER OF POSITIVE CASES WILL THERE BE A CLOSURE PLAN?

ANSWER: NO THERE IS NO SET NUMBER SET RIGHT NOW BUT WE WILL WATCH VERY CLOSELY. WE WILL FOLLOW THE HEALTH GUIDELINES. IF NOT SAFE WE WILL TRANSITION TO REMOTE.

QUESTION: IS OUR DISTRICT CONSIDERING PROVIDING US WITH ONLINE CURRICULUM?

ANSWER: WE KNOW WE HAVE WORK TO DO WITH MATERIALS AND HAPPY TO LOOK INTO PROVIDING CURRICULUM MATERIALS.

QUESTION: WILL TEACHERS BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEANING?

ANSWER: NO UNLESS THEY WANT TO DO INTERMITTENT CLEANING. SUPPLIES WILL BE AVAILABLE.