

August 7, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians and Staff,

As a follow-up to Monday's communication, I want to share important information regarding our hybrid model relative to our return to Simsbury Public Schools this fall. The [timeline](#) includes specifics for the first week of school, as well as preliminary target dates for students and staff to transition from the hybrid model to full in-person learning. In my prior communication on Monday, I had referenced that we would focus our transition to in-person learning by returning our youngest learners first.

Based on my conversations with the Farmington Valley Health District, our goal is to have our elementary student population fully back in school, via staggered return, by the end of September. Our plan for grades 7-12 is to review our status during the week of September 29th, and to communicate our transition plan to full in-person learning at that time.

It is important to stress this transition plan remains a fluid situation. If at any time there is a shift in health metrics, we may need to reevaluate our timeline. Any adjustment to our planning will be made in consultation with the Farmington Valley Health District and communicated to you soon thereafter.

We are extending the closing date for the survey until Tuesday, August 11 due to the effects of Tropical Storm Isaias. You can access the survey [here](#).

Again, I thank you for your open and honest communication and for your continued patience as we prepare for our reopening.

Regards,

Matt Curtis
Superintendent of Schools