

Littleton Public Schools

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Littleton Public Schools Shares Update on Return to In-Person Learning

LITTLETON -- Superintendent Kelly Clenchy wishes to provide the community with an update regarding the timeline for Littleton Public Schools to transition back to full in-person learning.

Students at Shaker Lane, Russell Street and Littleton Middle School in Grades K through 8 will return to in-person learning five days per week on Monday, March 29. Littleton High School students will return to full-week in-person learning on Monday, April 12. There will be no schedule change for pre-K students.

The in-person learning plan was approved by the Littleton School Committee on Thursday, March 18. The District is pleased to report that the student return dates are earlier than mandated by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

The District's decision is based on feedback from parents and guardians. Littleton families were surveyed on March 1 about their preference for five-day in-person learning or remote learning. The Administration presented the results to the School Committee on March 11, prompting discussion about the dates for students' return. Based on the survey results and Committee discussion, parents and guardians were asked to register their child for in-person or remote learning.

Parents and guardians may continue fully remote learning for their students through the end of the school year. The remote option is not expected to be offered for the 2021-2022 school year.

"Our administrative team, educators, and staff have been planning and preparing diligently and quickly for these return dates," Superintendent Clenchy said. "The pandemic has led to a difficult year for everyone, and we thank the Littleton community for its patience. It is through genuine teamwork that we are able to make this shift to in-person learning. We are excited to welcome more students into the school buildings as we look toward a strong finish to the school year!"

The District will employ additional health and safety strategies, including:

- Continued participation in the pooled testing program

- The purchase of multiple large canopies to provide more space outdoors
- HEPA air purifiers in all classrooms
- Compliance with the updated transportation guidance outlined by the state and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
- Continued emphasis on social, emotional, mental and academic growth

All students and staff will continue to be expected to wear a mask inside buildings, practice frequent hand-washing and social distancing, and stay home if they feel sick.

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