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To develop students who are competent and creative thinkers, curious and confident learners, and compassionate citizens.

Superintendent's Report School Committee Meeting of Thursday, June 25, 2020

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Superintendent Activities Highlights

5th Grade End-of-Year Celebrations: Our 5th grade students were given a memorable send off at each of the three elementary schools. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to orchestrate these events.





End-of-Year District Letter: As we closed out the school year, I was reminded of how many “firsts” we experienced with this global pandemic - remote learning, working from home, the drive through graduation and promotion ceremonies, virtual School Committee meetings, and so much more. As we enter another unprecedented time as a school district, I am aware of the many challenges before and I wonder what else may come our way that right now we can’t even imagine. Today, I sent [this](#) End-of-Year letter to the CPS community. We will continue to keep you informed throughout the summer as new information is received and processed. I wish you all a healthy and enjoyable summer and ask that you remain engaged, as your perspectives will be important to inform the reopening of our next school year.

Educational Equity: Along with our challenges and attention to COVID-19, inequities in our country were highlighted with the murder of George Floyd. This tragic incident called on our school district to recommit publicly to Educational Equity. Rest assured, our actions were not “one offs.” Our school district is poised to take the next bold steps forward in our commitment to “... identify unconscious and implicit biases and the impact they have on our students, families, and staff.”

Annual Town Meeting: Monday, June 22, Canton’s Annual Town Meeting was held at CHS’s Memorial Field. Along with the Town’s budget, the School Committee’s Capital and Operating budgets were passed. Thanks to Mr. Nectow for all his efforts in creating the best budgets we could under these difficult circumstances. There is another Town Meeting scheduled for August.

School Closure and Reopening Update

June 25, 2020

School Committee Meeting

Dr. Jennifer Fischer-Mueller, Superintendent

Mr. Barry Nectow, School Business Administrator

Decisions on Fall Reopening of Schools

Health Organizations

Governor Baker

Commissioner Riley

Town of Canton - BOH, CPD and CFD

School Committee

Initial School Reopening Guidance

- Informed by medical research
- Students need to return to school
- In-person requires social distancing (6' to 3')
- Health and safety requirements
- Plans for in-person, hybrid, all-remote learning
- Level-funded budgets & potential aid
- Only INITIAL guidance - more coming

Examples of Progress to Date

- Calculations for classroom capacity
- Technology plan
- Surveys of staff and parents
- Plan for supplying schools & staff with safety equipment
- Relationship with BOH & Chief Doody
- Summer programming plans

Examples of Progress to Date (Cont.)

- Advances in teaching and learning
- COVID-19 Point Person
- Health & Safety plan
- Structures for engagement with stakeholders
- Executing communication strategies
- Relationship with Town Finance Dept.



Summer Programming Update

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- ESY and Preschool - Programs begin on July 13th
 - In School/Remote
 - Parent Forums on June 24th & 25th
 - Board of Health Approved Safety Plan
 - Staff Training Scheduled for July 5th or 6th
- Out-of-District Schools - Waiting to hear from individual schools
- Canton Academy
- Cole - Harrington - Safety Plan Approved by BOH. Opening on July 8th
- Food Service - Will Continue during the Summer

Summer Programming (Cont.)

- Drivers Ed -
 - Remote classroom instruction
 - Driving instruction restarted with phase 2
- Camps - Approved and Ready to go
 - Kidsborough
 - Park & Rec
 - Canton Youth Soccer
- Building Use - Aligned with our local Board of Health
- Chief Doody and Cindy Bonner Training
- Summer Curriculum/PD planning
- DESE Summer Learning Grant
- Elementary Summer Learning Opportunities

CANTON ACADEMY

- Online registration went live 6/13/2020
- 402 Class Registrations, 22 Students on Waitlist
- Safety Plan Approved by Board of Health
- Classes Begin July 6th
- All Classes at Luce
- Contact Ed Amico for information or to sign up
amicoe@cantonma.org



Safety Equipment (PPE)



REOPENING MASSACHUSETTS IN PHASES

The goal of this phased reopening plan is to methodically allow businesses, services, and activities to resume, while avoiding a resurgence of COVID-19 that could overwhelm our healthcare system and erase the progress we've made so far.



- Each phase will last a minimum of three weeks and could last longer before moving to the next phase
- If public health data trends are negative, specific industries, regions, and/or the entire Commonwealth may need to return to an earlier phase
- The Commonwealth will partner with industries to draft Sector-Specific Protocols in advance of future phases (example: restaurant specific protocols will be drafted in advance of Phase 2)
- If we all work together to defeat COVID-19, we can proceed through each phase

Security & Safety Equipment (PPE)

- Safety equipment purchases for:
 - Phase 2
 - Summer Programming - Ordered Today
 - Start of School in September
- Safety Equipment for Reopening in the Fall
 - Submitted 3 month estimates to OSD for fall
- Security Update



COVID-19 Point Person Update

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- Pre-Work Health Screenings
 - Self-Attestation for Employees
 - Page setup for Visitors, Vendors
- Reviewing Building Layouts for Designated Isolation Areas
 - Canton BOH and Facilities Director Assisting
- Reviewing Safety Equipment Needs
- Setting Up Training for Summer Staff

Examples of Next Steps

- Finalize Analyses of and Report out Survey Results
- Expansion of Stakeholder Involvement
- Execute New Communication Tool
- Continue Purchasing Processes
- Continue Trainings for Staff
- Review Contractual Matters
- Continue Investigation of Staffing
- Inventory and Prepare Technology/Devices
- Plan, Engage, Plan, Engage, Plan

