



Superintendent Monthly Report

General Updates: January 12, 2021

In-Person Learning Model

The district has been able to maintain an in-person learning model since October 5, 2020. We will continue to prioritize an in-person learning model over a hybrid model. However, it is likely we will transition to a full remote learning model at some point in the near future due to staffing shortages. Each school and department has been very flexible when it comes to assuming temporary roles in the district.

In order to fully support our in-person learning model and support students who elected a fully remote learning model, the administrative team is recommending we continue with the early dismissal model each Wednesday for the remainder of the school year. It is my intention to not utilize a hybrid model any longer. The district will continue in an in-person learning model until such time we are required to transition to a fully remote learning model.

Community Health Care Update

The Community Health Center (CHC) agreement has been finalized. CHC will only provide mental health and dental services. CHC is waiting on federal approval before services can begin.

Vaccination Program

The Northeast District Department of Health has received Moderna vaccine and is actively vaccinating healthcare workers who meet the current eligibility criteria for vaccination. Phase 1a includes school nurses and healthcare staff such as physical, occupational, speech therapists and behavioral/mental health care workers providing direct in-person services.

In order to be vaccinated by NDDH, eligible employees must be enrolled in the Vaccine Administration and Management System (VAMS). Kim Jodoin has been assigned as the VAMS coordinator for Canterbury Schools. Once Phase 1b begins, school employee email addresses will be uploaded into the system. Employees will then be notified through the VAMS system when they can schedule an appointment to be vaccinated. NDDH is scheduling regular COVID-19 vaccinations clinics in our area.

Transportation

In three short weeks, our new mechanic at the transportation department has made incredible strides. As any new mechanic, his first step was to become familiar with his environment and make it his own. We have been able to repurpose some library shelving to add additional shelving in the bus garage to better organize supplies and tools. I have authorized additional hours for the mechanic through the month of February.

We have been short drivers due to illness and some drivers being identified as a close contact. We have been able to double up runs, use contracted drivers through STA, and at times call parents to pick-up students. Everyone has been supportive in making this process work.

Next month, I will make a recommendation to the Board regarding our contract with Preston for the 2021-2022 school year. As a reminder the district must provide Preston notice by April 2021 if we intend to renew our contract.

FY 22 Budget

Due to the reduced personnel in the business office our timeline to complete the FY 22 budget process has changed. Principals and department leaders are making progress in compiling our "itemized estimate" of expenses for operating the schools in the coming year. It will be important for the Board to identify three dates in February to review the proposed FY 22 budget.

Winter Athletics

All conversations for winter athletics have been put on hold. The most recent guidance from the CIAC is they are not making any decision until January 19. Once we hear from the CIAC, I will meet with our athletic director and middle school principal to further discuss options for winter sports.