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Logistical Update #4

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Greetings Easthampton Families,

Another busy week has come and gone – where is the summer going? I delayed sending this update, as I knew the information from last night’s School Committee meeting would be important to all of you. Just to recap, the committee was originally slated to meet on Tuesday night, but due to a storm that impacted power in our area, the meeting needed to be rescheduled.

So, after a three-and-a-half-hour meeting last night, here is a summary of what the committee voted for:

The Easthampton Public Schools will be starting the school year in a fully **Remote Model**, beginning on September 14th for all students. The committee voted unanimously to a Remote Model with a Phased in plan to bring students back into buildings when it is safe to do so. (Details of the plan will be out soon).

PHASE 1	Staff Training	Now through Sept. 11	All Staff
PHASE 2	Full Remote	Sept. 14th	All Students
PHASE 3	Remote Plus	Tentative Oct. 13 th *	Special Populations
PHASE 4	Hybrid	TBD*	All Students

*If health metrics are assessed to warrant a return. First assessment check will be on Sept. 22nd

This week also included several other meetings you may be interested in:

- The School Committee held a work session on Monday evening
- The Special Education Department held two forums for families on Wednesday evening
- The Elementary Administrators held a forum for Kindergarten families on Thursday evening

All these events were recorded, and you should be able to locate them under the “School Reopening” tab on the district webpage next week.

Working groups, including our Facilities and Operations, Wellness, Special Populations, Staffing, Instructional Planning, Technology, and Communications and Governance continue to meet and work on several tasks. Appreciation goes out to the administrators, faculty, and community members working on those groups.

On a sad note, we did have to cancel our planned in person graduation for next week. After the Governor's announcement yesterday, rolling back some progress, and given the climbing metrics in the state – the Mayor, the Chair of the School Committee, the Chair of the BOH, our City Health Agent, the Chief of Police, the high school administration and myself, all decided it was not wise to move forward and potentially endanger our community.

This coming week, we have:

- School Committee meets on Tuesday night at 6 p.m.
- The Special Education Department and Maple Elementary Administration will hold a Preschool forum on Aug. 10th at 5:30 p.m.

The School Committee, our district leadership team and I welcome your feedback and questions – please reach out to us if you have questions.

My best to all of you,

Allison LeClair, Superintendent