

# EASTHAMPTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Greetings Easthampton Families and Staff,

Updates for this week include more information about technology.

Several school districts – including Easthampton, have run into a challenge with getting Chromebooks in time for the start of the school year. This summer, we had 600 Chromebooks held at the US border. My colleagues across the state have had similar issues. The Commissioner of Education and Governor Baker are aware of the issue. So, here is how we will start the year: One to one Chromebooks will be available for students in grades 5-12. For the lower grades, we have some older machines (from the high school) that are being reformatted for any elementary students that needs one to begin the school year. They will be heavier than a newer Chromebook, and they may need to be plugged in for use. Please only collect one for your child if you absolutely need one in your household- and we should have enough if we limit it in this manner.

Once the order of Chromebooks arrives (we have been told mid-October), we will get them set up and distributed to all elementary students (collecting the older computers and exchanging them and/or distributing to any students who did not yet receive a device).

At our School Committee meeting this coming Tuesday, August 25, 2020 two issues will be on the agenda that may be of interest to you: Our school SRO will be making a presentation, and we will be discussing the likelihood of Fall sports in Easthampton. As you recall, the SRO discussion has come up recently and the committee has decided that they would like more information.

We are focused on our planning for teachers and staff around professional development related to a remote start to the school year.

Information at a glance:

- Elementary Family Forum Monday, August 24, 5:00-6:00
- 9th grade Family Forum, Monday, 8/24 @ 7:00
- School Committee meets on Tuesday night at 6 p.m.
- The waiver for any Easthampton child to receive free breakfast and lunch has been extended until the end of September. Questions: contact Dayle Doiron at [ddoiron@epsd.us](mailto:ddoiron@epsd.us)
- Our school buildings are not open to drop off anything. Email/fax or mail information. We will be setting up drop boxes at each location soon.
- Kindergarten Screenings September 14-15. Families will receive their day and time.

My best to all of you,

Allison LeClair, Superintendent