

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY
INFORMATIONAL REPORT PRESENTATION
ON THE RETURN TO IN-PERSON LEARNING PLAN – PART 2
SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

Background:

On August 10, 2020, the Harford County Board of Education approved moving forward with the administration’s recommendations for Continuity of Learning. That plan satisfied the thirteen “non-negotiables” outlined in the Maryland State Department of Education’s (MSDE) *Maryland Together: Maryland’s Recovery Plan for Education*. On August 27, 2020, following a press conference that included commentary from Governor Larry Hogan, Dr. Jinlene Chan, Acting Deputy Secretary for Public Health Services at the Maryland Department of Health (MDH), and State Superintendent, Dr. Karen Salmon, the Governor’s Office, MDH, and MSDE released a joint guidance document for schools to begin returning to in-person instruction. That document, *COVID-19 Guidance for Maryland Schools*, provided long-awaited details on metrics and safety precautions to be used by schools and school systems in decision-making to return students to school for in-person learning.

On September 8, 2020, nearly 5% of Harford County students representing students from all schools and grade levels began school in person at 41 Learning Support Centers operating in schools across the county. All HCPS students began school with virtual instruction.

On Friday, September 18, 2020, HCPS announced that all staff essential to the return of students will be required to report to their physical work sites to perform their required duties on October 12, 2020.

Discussion:

The HCPS administration, in collaboration with Board of Education of Harford County members and representatives from the Harford County Department of Health, developed a plan for returning additional students for in-person learning in the upcoming weeks and months. This presentation represents the second of a 2-part roll out of the *Return to In-Person Learning Plan* for HCPS. Part 1 introduced the metrics and decision-making framework for the plan. Part 2 includes greater details about key dates and specific groups of students to return for in-person learning.

Superintendent’s Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends the Board of Education accept this informational report on the *Return to In-Person Learning Plan* for HCPS