



WESTWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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INVITATION TO PARENT FORUMS ABOUT REOPENING

July 21, 2020

Dear Westwood Public School Families:

As you may know, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education is requiring all school systems to share a preliminary plan for returning to school that includes three scenarios: a plan for all students returning to school in person, a plan for a hybrid model where students spend some time in school in person and some time learning at home, and a full remote learning plan where learning is done from home. The administrative team has been working diligently to develop a draft of these plans and Superintendent Parks presented them at the Monday, July 20th School Committee meeting.

In order to ensure that all parents and guardians have an opportunity to hear the plans, and share their questions and initial reactions, we are inviting you to a Parent Forum. We understand that some questions may be grade level specific, therefore we are offering three different forums, one each for the elementary, middle, and high school levels. If you have children at multiple levels, the information that is shared will be the same; however, your questions may be different. Feel free to sign up for the level you prefer and there will be a process for submitting questions at other levels during each of the forums. If you have children that attend the Westwood Integrated Preschool, we will be setting up a preschool parent forum at a later date once we have more guidance specifically related to preschool.

The purpose of the Parent Forums is to gather your questions and initial reactions to the plans. There are still many unknowns as the state continues to provide updated guidance and we gather additional information. Therefore, we may be unable to answer some of your questions during the forum, but we will gather your questions and comments and share our responses at a later date.

We appreciate that this is a very difficult time and that not knowing what the return to school will look like is unsettling. Please know that we will continue to share updates throughout the summer and gather feedback and input from the community.

The forums will be held virtually this Wednesday evening, July 22nd as follows:

- Thurston Middle School Parent Forum at 6:00 pm
- Elementary Parent Forum at 7:00 pm
- Westwood High School Parent Forum at 8:00 pm.

If you would like to attend a Parent Forum, please complete the following survey indicating your email address for the link to the meeting and any questions you may have (there will also be a time for you to ask questions live during the Forum) by Wednesday, July 22nd at 10am.

- [Link to attend the Thurston Middle School Forum at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, July 22nd.](#)
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- [Link to attend the Westwood High School Parent Forum at 8:00 pm on Wednesday, July 22nd.](#)

Sincerely,

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