

August 18, 2021

Dear Students and Families,

I hope that everyone has been enjoying the wonderful summer weather along with memorable time with your family and friends!

In just a few short weeks the 2021-2022 school year will begin with students in grades 1-12 starting on August 30<sup>th</sup> and students in grades Pre-K and kindergarten starting on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

This newsletter includes important information for a successful start to a new school year.

The student school hours are as follows:

Bartlett High 7:25 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Webster Middle 7:35 a.m. to 2:10 p.m.

Park Avenue Elementary 8:35 a.m. to 3:05 p.m.

\*It is important that students arrive to school on time.

The start of the school day is an important social-emotional grounding time for all students. Students are provided time to meet with their teachers and peers to prepare for the school day and discuss current events and important topics as a classroom community. New this year, Bartlett will be implementing a homeroom for that social- emotional check in for all high school students.

As a reminder we serve free breakfast and lunch daily to all our students.

Covid Safety Protocols:

We are VERY excited to welcome all our students back to in-person learning this school year, and while we are aiming for normalcy, we will be requiring all students, staff, and visitors to wear masks indoors and on the buses upon the start of the school year. This decision was based on the recent recommendations of CDC and the American Association of Pediatrics, along with the recommendations of the Webster Board of Health Director and members of the Covid Leadership Team and School Committee. In July, the Covid Safety Protocols that we will be implementing at the start of the school year were emailed to staff and families and posted on our website. They are also attached to this email for your ease. No one will be required to wear masks for outdoor activities or for sports. We will not be able to enforce social distancing with the return of all students to in-person learning. However, we will do our best to ensure that students will be facing forward during lunchtime when they are unmasked and we will aim for at least 3 feet spacing.

Our school nurses will continue to offer Bionax rapid testing to symptomatic students and staff who are in school. Parents/ Guardians are required to fill out a permission slip in order for the school nurses to conduct a Bionax rapid Covid test. The permission slip will be an electronic consent form and will be forthcoming from each school.

As a reminder, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education is not allowing any remote learning this year, so if students are quarantined due to Covid, parents/guardians will need to assist by staying in close communication with their child's teacher/teachers to collect work during extended Covid related absences.

Please feel free to contact our School Nurses regarding any questions related to Covid, illnesses, or immunization requirements. The required immunization for students is attached to this email for your reference. School Nurses will be reaching out to families if they are missing any of the required immunizations for school.

School	Nurse	Email	Phone #
Bartlett High School	Kathy Pepin	kpepin@webster-schools.org	508-943-8552
	Stefanie Poletta	spoletta@webster-schools.org	508-943-8552
Webster Middle School	Danielle Jalbert	djalbert@webster-schools.org	508-943-1922
	Stefanie Poletta	spoletta@webster-schools.org	508-943-8552
Park Ave Elementary Schools	Sarah Phillips	sphillips@webster-schools.org	508-943-4554
	Rachel Taylor	rtaylor@webster-schools.org	508-943-4554

### **ESSER Funds**

As we enter the new school year, we are cognizant that our students will need additional social/emotional supports to ensure they ready to learn. As such we have utilized ESSER funds to hire additional school adjustment counselors, nursing support, special education support and PPE. We are in the process of hiring a Re-Engagement Specialist at Bartlett to work with students who may have dropped out last year or who are having difficulty getting back to the normal routine of in-person learning.

### **We welcome the following new staff/teachers to the Webster Public School Family!**

William Gammetto – Preschool  
 Michelle Veroneau – Preschool  
 Alicia Coakley- Preschool  
 Jennifer Bergin – Special Education PAE  
 Lynn Brown -Grade 2  
 Rebecca Pasceri – ELL Teacher PAE

Lorinda Allen – Assistant Principal PAE  
Jaime Terenzi – Grade 5  
Kelly Palmerino – School Adjustment Counselor WMS  
Ryan Deviney – School Adjustment Counselor WMS  
Abraham Myler – Band/Chorus WMS  
Ronald Springer – Assistant Principal WMS  
Jessica Emery – ELA BHS

**I am pleased to share the following staff will be moving into new roles this year:**

Kelleigh Maisonet to Kindergarten  
Maryland Sheridan to Kindergarten  
Danielle Calnan to Grade 1  
Tara Gelineau to Grade 2  
Jessica Roche to Grade 2  
Brandon Meece to Grade 3  
Michelle Boulay to Grade 3  
Tracie Vangel to Academic Interventionist PAE  
Courtney Stawiecki to PAE ABA Classroom  
Christin Economou to Special Education PAE  
Lisa Petrell-Delude to Team Chair K-4  
Daniel Zimmer to Team Chair WMS  
Donna Hurton to PreSchool and BHS Team Chair  
Shari Haire to Out of District Team Chair and Initial Team Chair  
Bonnie Juliano to Special Education to WMS  
Kate Berti to STEM WMS  
Steve Menard to Grade 7 Math  
Daniel Bengston to Grade 7 ELA  
Laurie Foley to Grade 8 Science  
Samantha Beaudette to Grade 8 Math  
Dan Kelly to Grade 8 - ELA  
Debra Zablocki to Academic Interventionist WMS  
Kim Morris to Life Skills BHS

The Webster Public School District still has some open positions for which we are actively trying to fill.

**District/ School Goals**

Our goals have not changed.... We will continue to focus is on **quality teaching, rigorous curriculum** and a united focus on accomplishing **school improvement goals**. The challenge for us this year is we know some students have experienced learning loss, and we know we have to address this and teach grade level content. We cannot have remediation replace core content and finding the right balance will be challenging, but we can do it! The District Leadership and

Instructional Leadership teams met in July to discuss setting up new data structures in all buildings. These structures will assist with monitoring the evidence of student progress and achievement. These structures will assist us with maintaining that important balance between core instruction and remediation, and provide parents and guardians more evidence of the learning that is occurring.

We are looking at this year as an opportunity to **RESET and RE-ENGAGE!**

Sincerely,

*Ruthann Petruno-Goguen*

Dr. Ruthann Goguen, Superintendent