



Dear Norfolk Public Schools' Families,

As a follow up to Governor Ralph Northam's press conference regarding new guidance for in-person learning options, we wanted to inform you that the administration's updated plan for returning to in-person instruction will be presented to the School Board by no later than Wednesday, February 17, 2021. There is a School Board business meeting already scheduled on this date.

Throughout the 2020-2021 school year, the Norfolk Public Schools' administration along with the School Board have continued to monitor local health metrics while exploring options for students and staff to safely return to school for the remainder of the 2020-2021 academic year. As such, these collaborative efforts have helped to refine established plans that will allow the school division to wholeheartedly support the NPS community with safely transitioning students and staff back to school for in-person instruction. The administration's updated plans will include a revised timeline that aligns closely with the approved phased approach for students' return to school, prioritizing those with critical instructional needs. Please be assured that more information will be shared as soon as it is available.

With the recent availability of the COVID-19 vaccine for employees, we remain committed to ensuring the safety of all students and staff by continuing to effectively implement key health mitigation strategies.

Together, we will close out this school year with equity and excellence for all!

Sincerely,

Dr. Sharon I. Byrdsong
Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Adale M. Martin
Chair, School Board of the City of Norfolk