



## PROFILE SCHOOL

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Parents/Guardians of our Profile students:

I wanted to update you on our recent work that our committees have accomplished on our Reopening Profile School building framework. The last three weeks have been a whirlwind of meetings and activities to ensure the health of our community, not only physically but also mentally, social- emotionally and economically. We are being proactive and intentional in our planning, which best fits our Profile Community. We are not only planning for reopening of the school, but also reentry to the educational aspects of school and the sustainability of education throughout the school year.

I want to thank you for your participation in our surveys and for your feedback to our committee members. The information we have been gathering is not only helping to form our learning models, but also informing of our precautions we are going to take in the building. Please participate in the newly published survey's- the [Profile Parent Survey II](#). The surveys will be sent out via email, and also available on our website at <https://www.profile.k12.nh.us/> .

We are putting the final touches on the health and safety protocols, universal precautions and the logistics of our plan this week. This includes our actions when a member of our school, or community is suspected of COVID-19; our mitigation plans and how we are going to social distance in the building. Hopefully, by next week we will have completed our plans for what the learning environment will look like, feel like and how it will be managed; our student and staff wellness plan; and our professional development work for August.

We have planned three models of instruction:

**Full Face to Face Learning:** All students would return to the school district facilities. This would include modifications to schedules, proactive safety and sanitation protocols and changes to routines and operational practices. Adherence to physical distancing guidelines are part of the implementation plan.

**Hybrid Learning:** Students would engage in a combination of in-person and remote learning. A schedule will be built to reduce the student and staff population in a facility at any given time.

**Full Remote Learning:** All students would continue to be served through remote learning similar to what was used during the spring (4 instructional days; 1 independent day). It is important to note that there is a possibility of having to move to remote learning at some point during the school year as a result of the pandemic.

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Students, families and staff will need to be ready to transition between these models during the school year. We are working on an intentional plan for a seamless transition if need be. No matter which model we are in throughout the school year- teachers will be teaching and students will be learning. What that looks like might be very different from what we expect and what we understand from the past traditional models.

Students will be enrolled in fewer courses, with greater time in each class and more concentration in those subjects each quarter. We believe the fewer classes during the day, with fewer transition times, will result in an increase of work time and rigor. We are currently crafting cohorts of students who will travel with each other throughout each quarter. Students will have the opportunity to earn at least two credits each quarter in the high school. Middle School students will be completing at least two full subject competencies each quarter. We have decided that all teachers will use Google Classroom as our Learning management system. All assignments will be available on a digital format- and will be turned in to teachers in Google Classroom. Parents will be invited to all their students Google Classrooms.

During the week of August 31- September 3, all students will have a chance to enter the building with their grade level and learn the expectations of our plan. Students will also be able to participate in team building activities to reconnect with their fellow classmates and learn how to best manage the online world of academics through Google Classroom.

In the coming weeks, we will be working on responsiveness to the needs of our students and staff, looking at accommodations for staff and students and preparing all for the start of the 2020-2021 school year. We want to continue to provide high quality instruction; identify and close equity gaps and improve student learning engagement.

We understand that not all families are ready for students to be in the building, we are working on options for families who choose for their students to not be present in the building. The online option, or distance learning, under this provision is not the same as the remote learning model that will be utilized for all students if transmission rates increase. Students will either be provided an online learning program or will follow with the Google Classroom of their course-depending upon the course. There are important factors to consider when deciding if this is an option to pursue for your child:

- Opting into the online environment is a temporary option based on current public health data and may be revoked at any time.
- Families should plan to stay in the online environment for the duration of a marking period. If a child intends to return to the physical school environment, advance notice will be required.
- Opting into the online environment applies to all school-related and district-sponsored activities that occur in-person.
- It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to ensure the child attends and engages with the work in order to meet the state attendance requirements. Daily attendance will be recorded. Via a *Google Survey Form*.

\*If your child has a documented medical reason for why he or she can not return to the physical school environment, please contact the principal

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Upcoming Important dates:

14 August	Reopening plan complete
15 August	Plan availability as a draft to the community
20 August	School Board Approval
24 August	Staff return
31 August	11th grade orientation (8:00-11:30)
1 September	12th grade orientation (8:00-11:30)
2 September	8th & 10th grade orientation (8:00-11:30)
2 September	Parent night for 7th & 9th grade students (5:30)
3 September	7th & 9th grade orientation (8:00-11:30)
4 September	Holiday
7 September	Labor Day Holiday
8 September	Full school opening
8 September	Fall Sports preseason begins

Recently, you received a postcard in the mail detailing our online registration for the upcoming school year. I know several of you check grades on PowerSchool using your student's login information, in order to complete the paperwork you must have a parent login account. It is important for our communication team that you update your information on PowerSchool as soon as possible. Our best communication tools are through the Alert system, which is enabled by the information on PowerSchool, and our updated Profile Website.

Educationally,  
Kerry  
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*Here is a recap of our planning. We are planning for a full reopening of the school building, with students reporting all five days. We have the capacity to have students safely in classrooms with a 6 ft distance space from one another with safety protocols in place. We will be prepared to go remote at a moment's notice. The academic day for High School will end at 1:20pm.*

- Families will be responsible for ensuring that all individuals entering our building, on a daily basis, are healthy and have not been at risk for COVID-19 exposure .
- Students and staff will be screened upon entering the building.
  - The bus riders will come through the main entrance of the building, and report to their classrooms.
  - Students who arrive in vehicles will not be allowed to enter the building until 7:30. They will be expected to enter the building, and report directly to their classrooms. Classes will start at 7:45am.
    - MS students will enter through the end wing of the MS hallway.
    - HS students will enter through the main entrance of the building.
- Staff and students will be wearing masks when inside the building- we will have times where students and staff will have breaks without their masks. When possible teachers will utilize outdoor space for instruction.
- Students and staff will not be able to congregate in common areas, except in designated classrooms.
- Students and staff will be practicing proper hand hygiene & respiratory etiquette.
- Our custodial staff will be frequently sanitizing high traffic areas, classrooms and have added cleaners to clean the building daily.
- If students must share resources they will have the ability to use hand sanitizer before they do.
- Students and staff will be eating in their designated classrooms, with the 'grab and go' opportunity from our food service providers.
- Schedules and movement around the building will be intentionally planned to minimize coming into direct contact with all students.
- Students and staff schedules are being designed to keep students in cohorts of 15-18 (maximum).
- Students and staff schedules are being designed to provide the best opportunity for students to be successful,
- We will call a 'remote learning' day in the event that the nurse, or a nurse substitute is not available.
- We are planning to provide every permissible co-curricular activity.
- Mr. Bartlett, our AD, is working closely with all North Country AD's and the NHIAA to establish a framework for fall sports. Fall Sports Preseason 8 September.

*There will be more information to follow in the coming weeks. Please check our website and your email on Tuesdays and Fridays.*

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