

Regional School District No. 7

Superintendent's Newsletter

February 5, 2021

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Dear Northwestern Families, Staff, and Students,

I am very pleased to see the steady decline in COVID-19 cases in our communities. This downward trend is a contributing factor in moving forward with our plan to return all students to school for in-person learning. I have worked in collaboration with the Torrington Area Health District and the Farmington Valley Health District and they are in support of our decision to transition to our Full In-Person Learning Model. We anticipate implementing this learning model before the start of the fourth quarter.

Learning Model Survey: Next Monday, you will receive a survey asking you to identify the preferred learning model for your child when we return to full time, in-person learning. You will be asked to choose either the Full In-Person Learning Model or our Distance Learning Model. This data will help us determine how to address spacing issues in classrooms and in other settings throughout the school. We will remain vigilant with our suite of mitigation strategies and maintain the 6 ft social distancing protocol to the greatest extent possible. However, we will not be able to adhere to this standard in all settings.

Super Bowl Sunday: Most of us are looking forward to the big game or at least the commercials! CDC has provided guidelines on how to celebrate safely in [small gatherings](#). Please adhere to these guidelines so we can keep our community spread as low as possible. Your efforts greatly enhance our ability to keep our schools open for in-person learning and help to stop the spread of new strains of the coronavirus. Let's work together to prevent the coronavirus from derailing our return to full in-person learning.

Enjoy your weekend.

Sincerely,

Judy Palmer