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Dear Parents/Guardians:

In collaboration with Ledge Light Health District along with our Medical Advisor, and the continued ongoing trend of declining COVID cases across our region, we will now be phasing in our **high school students to full in-person learning. All grade 9-12 students will be returning four days a week beginning March 22, 2021. HS students will shift to five days week (with our K-8 population) on Monday, April 5, 2021.**

Please know that there are many logistical requirements and building adjustments that need to occur prior to all HS students returning. We are currently working with HS administration to address ongoing mitigation requirements and additional PPE requirements across the HS building. They (administration) will be reporting out in further school communications, and we remain focused on safety for all through this process.

The updated schedule below now reflects elementary, middle school, and high school return dates for students:

Grade Level	Start Date
Grades K, 1	March 1, 2021
Grade 2, 5, 6	March 15, 2021
Grades 3, 4, 7, 8	March 29, 2021
Grades 9-12	March 22, 2021
Five Day Return	April 5, 2021

From March 1 until March 29, 2021, students will maintain the M/T/Th/F schedule while allowing for one remote day each week (Wednesday). **As noted in the chart above, a 5-day week for all ELPS students begins on April 5, 2021.**

Additional Important Information:

- We will be asking all HS parents to complete a **survey by noon on Wednesday, March 3, 2021**, to help us gather information regarding reopening in full. This information will allow us to make informed decisions regarding a safe return of students. HS parents should be on the lookout for the **survey link**, which will be sent today.

East Lyme Public Schools will inspire, engage and educate each student to become a contributing citizen and a responsible, independent, and critical thinker.



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- The Virtual learning option for students will remain in place for the rest of this school year. We continue to encourage advanced notice of any change between onsite and virtual. Any virtual student is welcome and encouraged to return to full in-person learning at any time.

We appreciate your support, patience, and understanding as we move through the transitional process for all K-12 students. We are excited to safely return all ELPS students to full in-person learning.

Sincerely,

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