



EAST LYME PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Given yesterday's storm event and fifty percent of the town still without power, we are making the following adjustments in how we share the reopening information:

- Central Office Administration has developed a YouTube video, which provides a complete and comprehensive overview of the Reopening Plan.
- In addition to the plan overview, we will respond to the most prudent questions that have been received from parents as it pertains to safety, instructional planning, classroom logistics and PPE requirements.
- The YouTube video will be available tomorrow **at 9:00 a.m.** on the homepage of our district website, www.eastlymeschools.org. The YouTube video will be accessible to view at any time after that on the ELPS Website.
- From this point forward, we will be consolidating all questions received through the 'ELPS Reopening' email address into core areas. Consolidated responses will then be shared through our ongoing Wednesday Q & A outreach. Please understand that with hundreds of questions coming in, we cannot respond to everyone individually. We do appreciate the many comments and recommendations that are coming forth along with the questions.
- Given the multiple power outages still effecting many areas of town, we will only release the YouTube video link this afternoon and will send out the Parent Q & A next week. Consolidated questions/responses will be shared at then.
- We plan to create additional YouTube videos to share out the most pertinent information for parents as it pertains to ongoing reopening guidance and planning.

Please look for communication from me on Friday of this week regarding final reopening plan decisions (In-Person, Hybrid Model, or Remote) for our East Lyme Public School students. Superintendents across the region are meeting twice this week to finalize a regional approach of opening schools. Again, this will be announced for East Lyme at the end of this week.

Additionally, we will be surveying parents once again to ask for a commitment regarding use of busing for the coming year and whether you plan to send your child(ren) to school. This information is imperative for our school planning purposes and the survey(s) will follow my announcement at the end of this week regarding the model of schooling in which we will be engaging.

Sincerely,

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