

# ANSONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Ansonia Public Schools Families:

As February draws to a close, I wanted to provide an update about our reopening plans. As you know, we opened our schools in January in a hybrid model for two weeks, then transitioned on Feb. 1 to in-person four days a week at the K-8 level and five shortened days a week for Gr. 9-12. The numerous snowstorms during the first three weeks of February resulted in one traditional snow day, four snow remote learning days, and two delayed openings. And for those who are wondering: The final day of the school year is now Monday, June 14, 2021.

The weather this week gives us hope that spring is coming. In addition, the governor's announcement earlier this week that school district staff would be included in the next round of vaccinations is very welcome news.

I do want to let you know that we will continue with our current operational model through the April vacation break. This will provide the time needed in order for most of our staff to receive both of their vaccinations, and it will be safer to open fully at that time.

Meanwhile, we will continue to abide by the safety guidelines that have been in place for months: Wearing masks, washing hands frequently, and socially distancing. We will adhere to these guidelines while your children are in our schools, and we ask you to please continue to follow them when your children are in your care.

I will reiterate the requests we have made in order to uphold the highest level of safety and health: Please do not send your children to school if there is a positive COVID case in your immediate family, or if you are waiting for test results on any immediate family members, whether there are symptoms present or not. Please do not send your children to school if they are not feeling well. Please refrain from attending any large gatherings or traveling out of state; if you do, please plan to quarantine and have your family get tested during the recommended period of time.

Thank you for your understanding and ongoing patience.

Sincerely,



Dr. Joseph DiBacco, Superintendent of Schools