

North Haledon Public Schools

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Dear Parents/ Guardians:

Some updates and items to share...

1. Board interviews took place as to the vacant board seat. Our board did select a candidate (a total of five were interviewed) who will remain on until the January 2023 BOE Reorganization meeting. We welcome Mr. Alexander Carter as the newest member of the NH BOE. We thank all candidates for their time and interest. It was not an easy decision for our membership.
2. Cali Report from the state indicated we are approaching ORANGE level. Currently, our region is at the MODERATE (YELLOW) level, but numbers are rising. Locally, though, our positive Covid cases are low. Still, the state has informed all districts that if we are to go ORANGE, the recommendation for all to wear masks/face coverings while in school could occur. We will continue our collaboration with our BHD as to our possible next steps.
3. As for my letter to the community regarding the threatening incident (last week) in school, the threat was found to not be credible. We thank our police department and school officials for their time with the investigation, as well as all families involved for their cooperation.

REMINDER: Regarding any activity or situation, there is protocol all school districts must adhere to and comply with regardless if the threat is viable or not. All school districts and officials within can act based on suspicion only, not probable cause.

4. Positive Covid cases continue to occur in both schools. Again, those families whose child/children are on the contact tracing list can remain in school with the recommendation to wear masks/face coverings for the 10-day duration. Also, the choice to remain home is another option as virtual learning will be provided.

REMINDER: While we are aware these are only recommendations, some students on the contact tracing list are reporting to school not wearing a mask/face covering. Our hope is that all do take precautionary measures so that we can control a potential outbreak as in-person instruction could cease.

5. New Health standards (including Sexual Health) has been at the forefront in terms of implementing or not. The State had asked all County officials to contact the CSA of all districts as to their stance. My phone call occurred yesterday as I indicated we would not implement the new standards.

REMINDER: We are currently implementing our curriculum from 2014 with revisions occurring in 2018. Our school nurse will team with our health instructors as to instruction. Families could opt out as an alternate assessment would be provided. Please reach your school principals if you wish to opt out of our current curriculum.

6. The Grade 8 graduation date was approved last evening (Monday, June 20,2022). Also, that last week of school (ending on June 23rd) will be single session days. Please plan accordingly.

With regard to the tragic incident regarding our Grade 8 student, our staff and police department continue to collaborate. We will continue to provide consultation with all staff and students as we move forward. Officials from Manchester High School have been in contact with us hoping to assist in any manner. Again, thoughts and prayers go out to family and friends.

Please reach out to me via email if you have any questions or share. Be well,

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