



# Petersham Center School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Petersham Center School would like to thank families for taking the time to respond to several surveys regarding the school's reopening plans. On Monday, August 3, 2020, the Petersham School Committee reviewed a feasibility study created by district personnel which included information gathered from parent surveys, DESE guidelines, CDC recommendations, AAP recommendation, and local BOH recommendations. The school committee then used the feasibility document provided, input from the community and educators during public comment, and discussions among committee members during the meeting to make their decision regarding the reopening model selected.

At that time, the Petersham School Committee voted to open school in a hybrid model, with students attending class in person two days per week and attending school remotely for three days per week, in order to allow for appropriate social distancing.

Following DESE guidelines, any families requesting remote learning for their child(ren) will be provided that opportunity for the 2020-2021 school year.

**It is important to note, as the district will need to provide instruction in both a hybrid model and in a remote model that all electives *may not* be available to all students due to the need to staff both models in an equitable manner.**

The district is asking families to complete a *PCS Student Learning Model Commitment Form* for each of their child(ren) that will attend the Petersham Center School for the 2020-2021 school year. Please complete this form by **August 20, 2020** even if you have already completed prior surveys regarding various reopening models. Those surveys were for planning purposes only. This link to the [\*\*\*PCS Student Learning Model Commitment Form\*\*\*](#) will be your official application to the learning model of your choice for the 2020-2021 school year. Please

complete this form even if you have previously indicated on a survey that you prefer a remote learning model for your child(ren); complete a survey for each child.

More information will be forthcoming regarding the specifics of each learning model's daily schedule and a *Parent/Community Forum* will be held prior to the submission date of August 20, 2020 for the commitment form.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have regarding this matter. We are looking forward to welcoming back our students to school in a model that provides students, staff, parents, and the community with a safe and secure learning environment.

Thank you,

*Eric Glazier*

Eric Glazier, Principal

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AAP: American Academy of Pediatrics:

<https://services.aap.org/en/pages/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-infections/clinical-guidance/covid-19-planning-considerations-return-to-in-person-education-in-schools/>

DESE: Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education:

<http://www.doe.mass.edu/covid19/return-to-school/guidance.pdf>

CDC: Center for Disease Control:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/schools.html>

BOH: Board of Health (Petersham, MA):

<https://townofpetersham.weebly.com/board-of-health.html>

PCS Reopening Plan:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1L8jJJPOMAWUgGokkDN8S9cz\\_YAI4Gaf1/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1L8jJJPOMAWUgGokkDN8S9cz_YAI4Gaf1/view?usp=sharing)