

Dear Parents and Guardians-

On Wednesday, August 12th, the combined School Committees of Northborough and Southborough voted to approve a hybrid learning model to start the 2020-2021 school year for all students in grades pre-k through 12. As we continue to plan for the return of students, our next steps are to identify student cohorts and students who will be participating in the stand alone remote program. After gathering the data from the enrollment of the stand alone remote program, the Northborough principals will work to balance classroom placements and develop cohorts A and B. We anticipate that once this process is completed, we will be able to share classroom and cohort assignments. Please note that this information will be mailed to families in the coming weeks. All families will know their child's placement prior to September 1st. We look forward to partnering with each family as we start the school year.

Superintendent Martineau shared detailed information about the stand alone program in a One Call. We have reshared this information below along with the form for families to access should they choose the stand alone option.

Stand Alone Remote Program Information

[Stand Alone Remote Presentation](#)

[Stand Alone Sign-Up Form](#)

Due 8/19/2020 by 9:00 AM

Our intention is to create a community of learners in the Stand Alone Remote Program with Northborough/Southborough educators as the teachers or supervisors of learning experiences. At the elementary level, students will be grouped across schools to create "classes" of students assigned to a teacher. Middle school students will also be grouped across schools. At the middle and high school level, students will have different teachers for different classes much like they would during an in-person experience. They will have a daily and weekly schedule that structures their time.

Instructional methods will be adapted to the remote learning environment. Students will engage in classes that are aligned to the same curriculum standards as their peers who might be attending school in-person.

At the high school and middle school levels, students will have access to the appropriate level of course work in all subject areas. Electives will be offered, however, there will likely be limitations in terms of elective options due to the constraints of staffing.

We will offer secondary-level courses in the Stand Alone Remote Program based on the needs of the students enrolled in the program which means that the courses cannot be determined prior to families opting into the program. In order to meet the needs of the full range of learners, we may offer some courses through third-party vendors. However, a student's progress in these on-line courses would be supervised and supported by a Northborough/Southborough educator.

Students that participate in the Stand Alone Remote Program who have special education needs will receive special education services under this model. In addition, the District will develop a plan for delivering English Learner Education for students in the Stand Alone Remote Program for English learners.

The specifics of how we will structure and implement this program is highly dependent on the number of students enrolled and their learning needs as well as staffing availability. The model is subject to further development and change based on these factors.

If extra-curricular activities or school-wide events are offered virtually, students from the Stand Alone Remote Program will be able to participate.

The Stand Alone Remote Program is designed to meet the needs of families who require or prefer a fully remote educational option during the pandemic. The Stand Alone Remote Program will follow the same calendar as the other learning models (in-person, hybrid, or remote).

Respectfully,
Mary Coakley
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