

June 2021

Identify the lessons we can carry forward from the pandemic. What are the new practices and structures that are working well and could be expanded?

-staff allocation

-delivery of instruction

-space allocation

We will be able to go back to more of a regular use of our spaces in terms of our staff room and nurse's office. However, we will condense our teacher work room to make space for our social worker.

We plan to use the yurt for kindergarten, which will be taught by Ms. Schrader. Ms. Schrader has experience with teaching in yurts and this will mesh well with her robust outdoor education style. The extra classroom space will be used for our second grade 2 classroom.

~~The gym will go back to being used as a gym/cafeteria. We will be using the cafeteria only for classes that are too big to eat in their classroom at 6' apart. We will only have one classroom in the cafeteria at a time.~~

The music room will be used for music and art class will be taught in the art room. Both of these rooms will be used for additional learning when available. The library will go back to being a student library.

We will be starting a schoolwide SEL curriculum for K-8. The program we will be implementing is Fly Five, which is offered by Responsive Classroom. All teachers will have 10 hours of PD before the beginning of the year and 10 additional hours throughout the year.

We have seven teachers signed up to do the 4-day Responsive Classroom Institute.

Support the school in their effort to partner, communicate with and engage the parents and the larger Hope community in maintaining academic growth during the pandemic.

50% of our MS student population has been vaccinated through the vaccination clinics we held at school.

We had 100% participation on our state tests.

Although NWEA testing is not complete at this time, we can see that overall, our students are making significant individual growth, often way above expectations. In relation to where they should be in demonstrating proficiency in the learning standards, we have areas to improve on. We will be looking at this data deeper when we return in the fall in order to develop school goals and plan for student outcomes.

We have not experienced higher absenteeism this year compared to previous years.

We are offering summer tutoring services for K-3 students via Zoom. Students will receive two 30-minute sessions for six weeks.

Support school administration in maintaining a safe and supportive environment during the pandemic for all students and staff.

Staff at HES will have training in LBGTQ+ scheduled in September by OUT Maine and diversity and inclusion led by Kate and Deb.

I am participating and representing the HAL administrators in the Cultural Competency Institute put on by the Maine School Management Association. This initial team will form the district's cultural competency learning group, which will help to determine our next steps as we learn more.

Students are able to be outside unmasked. All students will remain masked inside the school ~~and 3' apart for learning and 6' apart for eating and mask breaks.~~

Given Maine's significant progress to date in vaccinating its population and reducing the spread of COVID-19, the State of Maine intends to modify the aforementioned Public Health Guidance to lift all physical distancing requirements for PreK-12 schools and adult education programs, effective for the start of the 2021 school year.

We will still need to maintain contact tracing and so we will need to continue to keep students in cohorts and monitor potential exposures indoors next school year.

The School Safety Team will meet in August and develop a new health and safety plan that will be shared with the School Board in late August.

Other

We are opting to begin a 3-year agreement with MLTI MacBook airs for 7th and 8th grade students and teachers (50 devices). The annual cost is \$8,050-\$9,800 / year (funded through Title II). 5th and 6th grade will use

current laptops. This agreement comes with professional development through the state.

We have 5 people on the waiting list for Pre-K.

ESEA Application will request funds for a portion of our Title I teacher, our partnership with Kieve Leadership School, MLTI lease, SEL training, and reading curriculum resources.

We were graciously granted use of a 1-acre parcel of land from Jake Dowling. Our plan for this piece of land is to build a nature trail with outdoor learning spaces.

We are in need of a new furnace. The cost is \$97,220 - \$87,845 after rebate.

We are in need of a tree service to take down trees, particularly around the Pre-K building.

COVID Report

We have not had any additional reported positive cases within our school community.

Enrollment status:

Grade: In-person, remote

PK: 16,0

K: 12, 0

1: 13, 1

MA: 13,1

2: 12,0

3: 13, 2

4: 9, 3

5: 12, 2

6: 21, 0

7: 16, 1

8: 13, 0