

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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February 17, 2021 - Heathsville, VA The Northumberland County Public Schools' School Board met in-person for a special meeting. The meeting was open to the public through Zoom audio conference calling as a result of COVID-19 guidelines.

NCPS Survey for Expanded Reopening of Schools Survey/Timeline

Mrs. Virginia Booth, Director of Data, Accountability & Instructional Technology, provided the Board with the Expanded Reopening of Schools Survey responses. Mrs. Booth reported the following Employee results: 115 total responses; 58.2% (67) in favor of return to four day instruction; 24.3% (28) neutral; and 17% (20) not in favor. Mrs. Booth gave the following Community results: 266 responses; 72.2% (192) in favor of return to four day instruction; 9% (26) neutral; and 18% (48) not in favor.

The School Board reviewed the Expanded Reopening of Schools Survey responses from students, teachers, staff, families and community as well as received input from Dr Richard Williams from the Three Rivers Health District.

Expanded four day learning for current hybrid students

The Board approved a change in the hybrid schedule to allow green and gold groups, who currently attend, to increase time to four days (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday) beginning March 15, 2021. Wednesday will remain asynchronous (100% virtual) for all students.

NCPS will create a waiting list for 100% virtual students who may wish to change to the four-day in-person learning schedule. NCPS will continue to monitor the health and safety of students and staff during the expanded return to learning schedule before deciding when the next cohort of students may attend.

The following mitigation protocols will continue to be required and mandatory:

- Consistent and correct use of masks
- 6' Physical/social distancing to the extent possible with no less than 3'
- Hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette
- Cleaning and disinfection
- Contact tracing in collaboration with the local health department.

The School Board will continue to monitor the CDC and VDH guidelines as well as COVID-19 statistics.

Other Action Item

The Board approved Cheerleading, Dance and Band as sideline participants and will follow the Virginia High School League (VHSL) and COVID-19 mitigation guidelines for participation during COVID 19 restrictions.