

July 13, 2020

Dear MPS Families,

We hope you are well and that your family is enjoying some fun summer days.

The Return to School (RTS) Task Force, our many [RTS subcommittees](#) and MPS administrators are working every day toward the goal of a safe return to school for students and staff. We know you have questions and on Thursday, July 16 at 6:30pm, we will hold a Return to School Q&A on Zoom with MPS Administrators and members of the RTS Task Force. We do not yet have all the answers as to what school will look like in the fall but we will share what we know, give timelines for additional information and answer community questions.

Join us at [this link](#) (Password 190197) for the RTS Q&A. [We invite you to submit questions for the return to school Q&A here](#). Questions are due by noon on Wednesday.

In case you've missed recent RTS Task Force updates, please see them below.

- A family survey was sent out last week and is open until Friday, July 17. If you have not yet done so, [please complete the survey here](#).
- The MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) released [Additional Guidance on Fall Reopening Plans](#) on July 10. One of the takeaways is that DESE is requesting that districts hold off on announcing any final decisions about what reopening will look like for the fall in their district until early August. DESE Commissioner Jeff Riley writes "While preparations for the fall must move forward, we are still waiting for key information that will directly impact the best fit reopening model for each community". You can read the full [DESE communication here](#) and [the DESE updated FAQs here](#). All previous guidance from DESE can be found on the [DESE website](#) and on our [Return to School website](#).
- Our [Return to School website](#) is updated often and is a good place to find current RTS information - both at the MPS and state level. Our [FAQs](#) are also updated regularly.

- We received 1500 responses on our student survey on remote learning and the data is being compiled by the RTS Family Outreach and Communication Subcommittee. We will share the results as soon as they are available.

Translated versions of MPS Return to School communications (in Spanish, Haitian Creole, and Portuguese) can be found on the [RTS website](#) within 48 hours. Please visit the site at that time to read return to school updates.

- Esta comunicación por correo electrónico se publicará en español en el siguiente sitio de web a las 5 PM el miércoles 15 de julio de 2020. Visite el sitio para leer acerca de los planes para regresar a la escuela en el otoño.
- Kominikasyon imèl sa pral afiché nan Kreyòl Ayisyen sou sit entènèt sa a 5h nan Mèkredi, 15 jiyè 2020. Tanpri vizité sit la nan tan sa pou li plan pou retounen nan lekòl nan otòn lan.
- Essa comunicação por e-mail será publicada em Português no site a seguir às 5:00 Pm de quarta-feira, 15 de julho de 2020. Visite o site nesse dia e hora marcados para ler sobre os planos de volta às aulas no outono.

We hope to see many of you at this Thursday's Return to School Q&A at 6:30pm. Join us at [this link](#) (Password 190197) and be sure to submit your questions by Wednesday at noon [at this link](#).

Sincerely,

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Ada Rosmarin, School Committee Member, RTS Task Force Co-Chair
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