



# HAMILTON-WENHAM

## REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Hamilton-Wenham School Community:

Our schools will open their doors for the 2021-2022 school year in just a few short weeks.

Although we are all exhausted by and “done” with the pandemic, unfortunately, it continues to be a global, national, and local reality. It appears evident that COVID-19 will continue to bring challenges and frustrations in the upcoming school year. After a year and a half, the COVID-19 rules and restrictions feel burdensome and never-ending. Understandably, many would like to lose the masks and return to normal as quickly as possible. We will get there eventually, but it is going to take more time. Our top priority is ensuring that all students can safely return to full in-person learning this fall.

There may be different approaches to health and safety in area public school districts. Many local districts, colleges, and universities have recently issued mask guidance consistent with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations. In Hamilton-Wenham, we will return to indoor mask-wearing. ***Effective August 23, 2021, all students, staff, and visitors—regardless of vaccination status—must wear masks indoors in any Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District facilities.*** Many of you will have questions about the upcoming school year; please see the linked [HWRSD Back to School FAQs](#) to learn more.

The pandemic will continue to be an obstacle, but the energy and investment of our students, staff, and families are what fuels this learning community. We are excited to welcome back all of our students and staff this fall. Please enjoy the final days of summer and get ready for an exciting and productive school year!

Sincerely,

Mary Beth Banios  
Superintendent of Schools