



# Family Town Hall Meeting School Reopening Update



**August 17, 2020**  
**6:00pm**

**Baystate Academy Charter Public School**



# Welcome

Mr. Timothy Sneed - Executive Director

Ms. Joretha Lewis - Principal


Ms. Johana Arzola - Office Manager/ Family Liaison

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# School Reopening Background

## June 2020 - August 2020

- Virtual meetings with the Commissioner of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) were conducted regarding school reopening.
- Reduction of the school year by the Commissioner of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education by **10** calendar days. **183**  **173**
- Massachusetts Department of Health provided all schools with updates on safety issues and protocols.
- Ongoing Board meetings were held with the Board of Directors to discuss options for students and staff.



# DESE Guidelines Provided

- Required Safety Supplies for Reopening Schools — June 5, 2020
- Initial Fall School Reopening Guidance -June 25, 2020
- Transportation and Facilities Guidance — July 22, 2020
- Protocols for Responding to COVID-19 Scenarios — July 17, 2020
- Comprehensive Special Education Guidance for the 2020-21 School Year — July 9, 2020
- Creating Positive Learning Environments: Recommendations and Resources to Support the Social Emotional Well-being of Students, Staff, and Families — August 3, 2020
- Guidance for Districts and Schools on Interpreting DPH COVID-19 Metrics — August 11, 2020



# Fall Reopening Process - Timeline

- Preliminary plan submitted DESE on July 31, 2020.
- Board of Directors approved the plan with a hybrid model on July 29, 2020.
- Emergency Board of Directors meeting held August 10, 2020 to revisit the hybrid model and the impact of reopening based on local health conditions.
- August 10, 2020, the Board of Directors approved a 100% remote learning model for the first quarter- November 16, 2020, with the option for review in October.
- Final plan submitted to DESE on August 14, 2020.



**The Board of Directors voted on Monday August 10, 2020 to start the 2020- 2021 school term 100% remote (virtual) until November 17, 2020.**

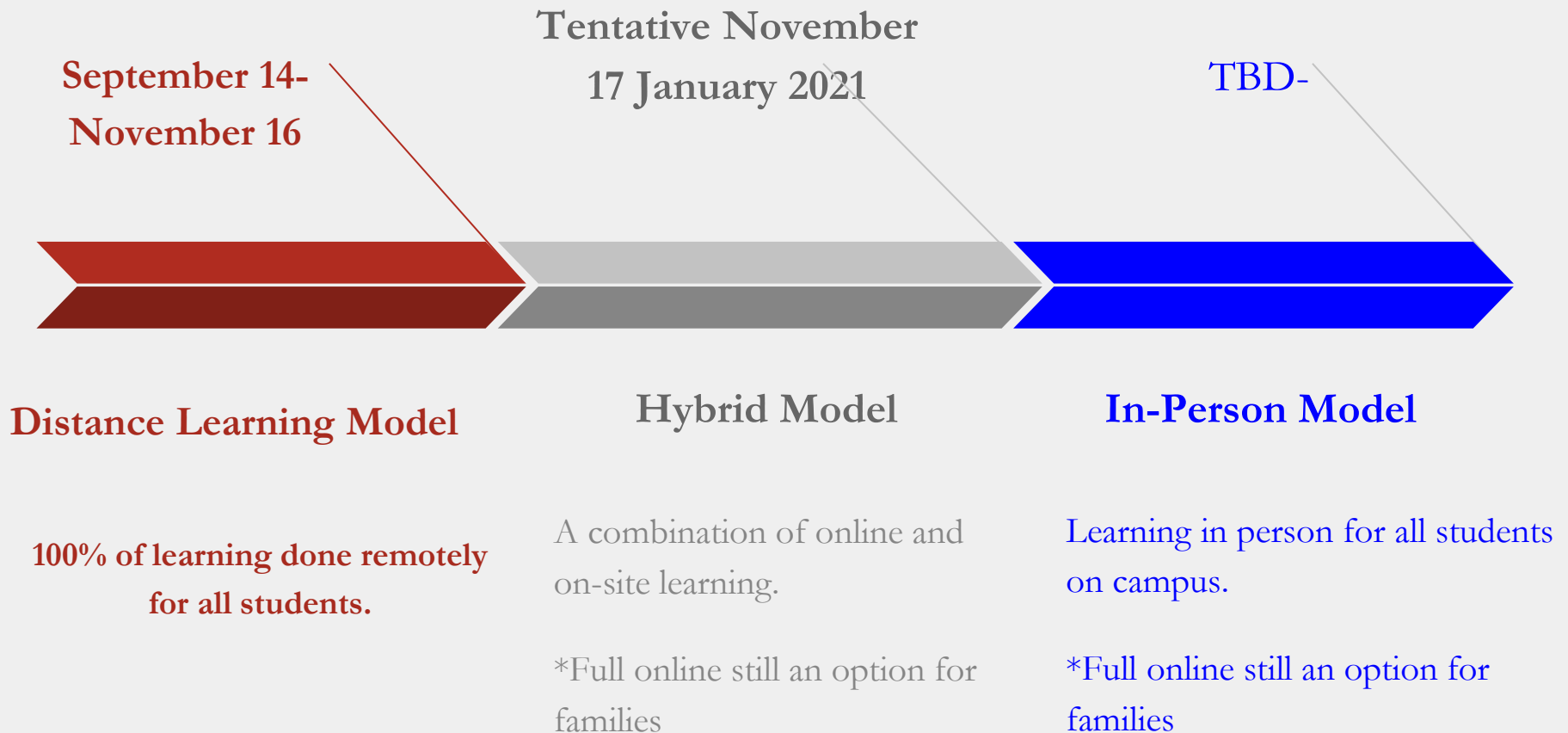


# Proposed Instructional Models for 2020

<p><b>Traditional Face-to-Face</b> All 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade students return to a traditional face-to-face instructional schedule.</p>	<p>Students will return to a traditional face-to-face instructional model with a full instructional schedule, social distancing requirements, and disinfecting procedures as outlined by the CDC.</p>
<p><b>Virtual Learning</b> All 6<sup>th</sup> – 12th grade students engage in all virtual learning at home.</p>	<p>All students and teachers will remain at home to engage in teaching and learning. All non instructional positions will be repurposed to provide an additional layer of support. Virtual learning provides students the opportunity with face to face learning using synchronous instruction aligned to modified instructional schedules with smaller group sizes.</p>
<p><b>Hybrid (Virtual &amp; Face-to-Face) -</b> All students in grades 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> will engage in face to face at school and virtual learning at home. A-Day (Mon./Tues.); B-Day (Wed./Thurs.) and Friday (DLD)</p>	<p>All students will participate in a blended model, alternating between face-to-face and virtual learning with all Fridays being at-home virtual learning for students. This approach provides a differentiated group based on student needs, student engagement model/workshop 1.0 model, direct mini lesson and frequent face to face teacher check-ins with students. Friday's model allows students to complete project-based learning tasks and one on one tutoring session virtually.</p>



# Baystate Learning Model Continuum







# 2020- 2021 Guiding Principles

- Provide academic supports and systems for all students to address the academic lost during school closure.
- Ensure family engagement and supports are visible and accessible to all.
- Establish and sustain health and safety logistics aligned to public health guidelines.
- Provide all staff with professional development opportunities that build capacity and support student learning.
- Integrate school-wide social emotional learning practices that support student and staff well-being.





# Mark Your Calendar

First Day of School - **September 14, 2020**

LapTop Distribution Day- **September 5, 8-9, 2020**

Middle School Virtual Open House- **September 2, 2020 6:00pm**

High School Virtual Open House - **September 3, 2020 6:00pm**

Onboard (Practice) Day - **September 11, 2020 9:00am**



# School Hours 6th -12th Grade

Monday – Thursday 8:00am – 2:30pm

Friday – 8:00am – 1:30pm

**A total of 1,034 instructional hours  
(935 state required)**



# Remote Learning Redesigned

How will distance learning look different compared to Spring 2020?

## Live Teaching

Live instruction given by classroom teacher daily.  
Students sign in classes from home, and assigned schedules.

## Technology Resources

All students will receive a school issued chromebook 8th- 12th and a tablet 6th -7th.  
Hotspots will be issued to families in need.

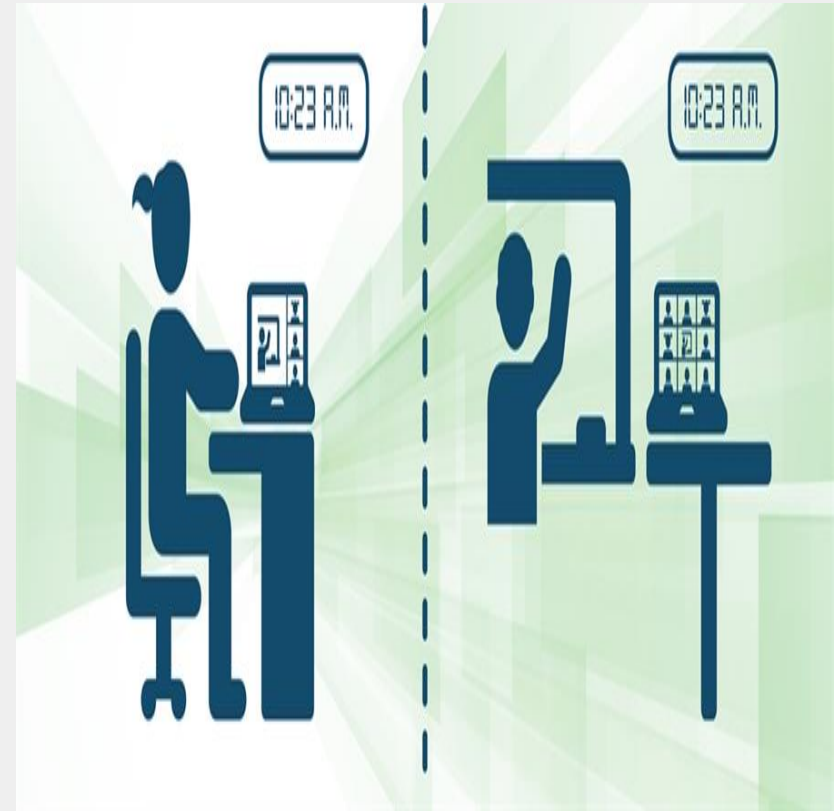
## Materials and Resources

All instructional materials for the 1st nine weeks will be provided to students during laptop deployment.



# Full-time Remote-Live Instruction

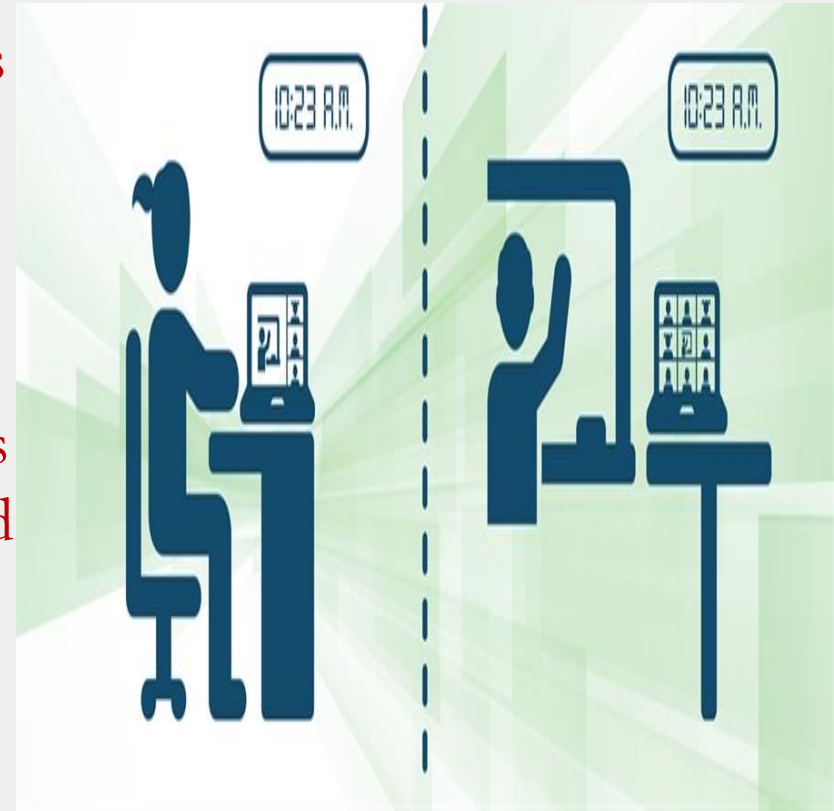
- ★ 6.0 hours of daily instruction
- ★ Live instruction and check-ins throughout the day for all students
- ★ Social emotional learning integrated in the school day.
- ★ Longer blocks of learning time and alternating schedules.
- ★ Scheduled tutorial and intervention blocks minimum 2 days a week
- ★ Academic grades for all courses will be issued ( 1.0 - 4.0)
- ★ Graduation and promotion policies are outlined in the handbook.





# Full-time Remote-Live Instruction

- ★ Google Meet is a video conferencing platform that will be used for synchronous learning. Synchronous Learning is defined as the time teachers engage with students that happens in real time.
- ★ Students will be required to attend all scheduled synchronous learning sessions and complete all asynchronous assignments prior to the next scheduled session.
- ★ Attendance will be taken daily by all teachers and entered in PowerSchool.



# Baystate Academy Sample Middle School Schedule



Time	Time	Activity	Course Design
8:00 AM	8:45 AM	Morning Homeroom/ Crew Academy/SEL	Synchronous (Live) / Camera Feature On
8:50 AM	9:50 AM	Academic Support	Synchronous (Live) / Camera Feature On
9:55 AM	11:15 AM	Instructional Block 1 (Humanities/Math/Science)	Group A- Synchronous / Group B- Asynchronous
11:20 AM	12:25 PM	Art/PE /Spanish/Health	Group A- Synchronous / Group B- Asynchronous
12:25 PM	12:55 PM	Non- Instructional/ Lunch/ Screen break	Staff Lunch Break/ Camera Feature Off
1:00 PM	2:20 PM	Instructional Block 2 (Humanities/Math/Science)	Group A- Synchronous / Group B- Asynchronous
2:20 AM	2:30 PM	Afternoon- Homeroom Check-Out	Synchronous (Live) / Camera Feature On

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# Baystate Academy Sample High School Schedule



Time	Time	Activity	Course Design
8:00 AM	8:40 AM	Homeroom/ Crew Academy- SEL/ Tutoring (2)	Synchronous (Live) / Camera Feature On
8:45 AM	10:00 AM	Instructional Block 1	Group A- Synchronous 1, 3, 5 / Group B- Synchronous 2,4, 6
10:05 AM	11:30 AM	Instructional Block 2	Group A- Synchronous 1, 3, 5 / Group B- Synchronous 2,4, 6
11:30AM	12:00 PM	Non- Instructional/ Lunch/ Screen break	Staff Lunch Break/ Camera Feature Off
12: 35PM	1:30PM	Instructional Block 3	Group A- Synchronous 1, 3, 5 / Group B- Synchronous 2,4, 6
1:35 PM	2:30PM	Instructional Block 4 Electives/ Connections	Asynchronous/ Synchronous PE

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# Student Support Services

- All students will be provided educational services and accommodations as required by their IEP.
- All students will be provided services based on their ELD level.

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# Staying Connected

## How will parents/guardians stay connected to the school?

1. Each students will be assigned a crew teacher. Crew teachers will start contacting parents the week of August 31, 2020.
2. Crew teachers will contact parent bi-weekly ( or more if necessary) to share academic progress, and to provide updates
3. Crew teacher will be the primary contact for parents/guardians.
4. Crew teachers will ensure the student is in homeroom daily and contact parents immediately.
5. Crew teachers will have access to student grades, schedule and Google classrooms.





# Technology and Accessibility

Baystate Academy has purchased electronic devices to ensure access to technology for all students. Each student will be issued a device and will be required to sign a school technology agreement.



Baystate Academy uses the Dyknow application to monitor student accounts for safety. Dyknow monitors your child's online interactions for issues like cyberbullying, inappropriate online engagement, and monitoring student participation.



# Making Connections: Family Supports

- Parents will be provided support through training, conferencing, and home visits/ weekly check ins from their child's learning team
- We are actively seeking alternatives for families and will be actively contacting community agencies about resources. (Boys and Girls Club, YMCA, etc.).
- Website will includes resources and information for families.



# Communications and Engagement

## Keeping Parents, Students, Staff and the Community Informed

<p><b>Baystate Academy Charter Public School</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.bacps.net">www.bacps.net</a></p> <p>The website features all current information regarding the reopening of schools, including frequently asked questions, feeding sites, information on how to register, and learning resources</p>	<p><b>Executive Director Updates</b></p> <p>Mr. Sneed will stay connected with parents and staff through email and newsletters.</p>
<p><b>Parent Connection</b></p> <p>Communication for parents and staff sent out through text, call, and email. Each crew teacher will contact parents weekly to give updates about academic progress and social emotional needs.</p>	<p><b>Social Media</b></p> <p>Baystate will continually provides updates across multiple social media channels, including Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram in English, and Spanish.</p>



# Questions

