

WASHINGTON SCHOOL BOARD

The Washington School Board will hold a special meeting on **Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 6:00pm** in the **Washington Elementary School, Multi-Purpose Room.**

MINUTES

In Attendance:

Board Members:

Linda Musmanno
Arin Mills
Kathie Atkins
Cameo Mulliner
Danielle Moore

Administration:

Patricia Parenteau, Superintendent
Mary Henry, Business Manager
Kelli Colarusso, Principal
Jennifer Crawford, Director of Curriculum
Instruction and Assessment

1.0 CALL TO ORDER @ 6:00pm

- 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.2 Moment of Silence

2.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Hillsboro-Deering has an open house on the Calendar for August 26th - this will not happen at this time.
 - We will hold a community event when it is safe to do so.
- When Dr. Crawford is giving her presentation, she is getting all of her information from the CDC and DHHS.

2.1 PRESENTATION

2.2 Updated CDC and DHHS Guidelines for K-12 Schools from Dr. Chan's 8/11/21 Call and Updated Decision Matrix

- See Attached Sheets
- We are currently in the middle of a surge due to the Delta variant.
- Right now, Sullivan County is in the substantial category of the Matrix.
- The target is to get to an 80% vaccination rate to contain the delta variant
 - All 4 towns in the district are under the state average of vaccination rate
- Using the updated information from Dr. Chan on August 11th, an updated decision matrix has been developed and proposed for the upcoming school year.
- DHHS does not have the authority to mandate masks. The Governor has the authority to mandate masks under the state of emergency order.
- DHHS is using the level of community transmission and the transmission within the school facility to recommend when masks should be worn indoors.
- The combined population of the 4 communities in the district is 9,345 people
- There is a federal mandate that everyone must wear a mask on the busses.
- The Hillsboro-Deering School Board voted last night that at this time masks will not be required to mask at any point. If we move into the substantial category, masks would be recommended, but optional.
- Questions

- Does the new matrix use more localized data?
 - The State of New Hampshire does not report out at the town level because the numbers get too small. They are reporting out on the county data.
- The number one goal is to keep students learning in person.

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

- Eric Hodges
 - The numbers are muddy, and hard to understand
 - It should be the parent's choice to send their kids to school with a mask or not.
 - It should not be dictated to the parents by policy.

4.1 BOARD DISCUSSION

4.2 SAU 34 Pandemic Response Mitigation Decision Matrix (requires action)

- This is a very difficult decision.
- Last year we followed the guidelines set by the Department of Health and we seemed to do well as a community.
- The goal is to keep the students in school, keep them safe, and keep their families safe.
- Having a matrix gives us a transparent tool to use to make decisions on mask wearing and other mitigation measures.
- **Atkins moved to approve the SAU #34 Pandemic Response Mitigation Decision Matrix as recommended by Dr. Chan on August 16, 2021. Moore seconds. Motion passed 5-0-0**

4.3 2021-22 SAU 34 School Pandemic Response Plan (requires action)

- Atkins moved to approve the 2021-22 SAU 34 School Pandemic Response Plan as presented. Mills seconds. Motion passed 5-0-0

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA (requires action)

5.1 Minutes of meeting, August 9, 2021

5.2 JIC Student Conduct- Final Approval

5.3 Mills moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mulliner seconds. Motion passed 5-0-0

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

- a) Mills moved to Adjourn. Atkins seconds. Motion passed 5-0-0 @ 6:50pm

Respectfully submitted,
Megan Fleagle

Comparative Covid Data September 2, 2020 - August 16, 2021

The Rest of Hillsborough County			
Date	Level of Transmission	New Cases per 100k over 14 days	7-Day Total Test Positivity Rate %
Sept 2, 2020	Minimal	21.5	1.2
Oct 1, 2020	Minimal	32.2	1.7
Nov 1, 2020	Substantial	109.7	1.8
Dec 1, 2020	Substantial	473.9	5.1
Jan 3, 2021	Substantial	649.9	11.0
Feb 1, 2021	Substantial	598	6.2
March 1, 2021	Substantial	273.6	4.3
April 1, 2021	Substantial	396.4	6.4
May 3, 2021	Substantial	250.2	3.6
June 1, 2021	Moderate	66.3	2.2
July 1, 2021	Minimal	11.1	0.6
July 30, 2021	Minimal	46.4	3.1
August 16, 2021	Substantial	181.7	6.3

Comparative Covid Data September 2, 2020 - August 16, 2021

Sullivan County			
Date	Level of Transmission	New Cases per 100k over 14 days	7-Day Total Test Positivity Rate %
Sept 2, 2020	Minimal	9.3	0.2
Oct 1, 2020	Minimal	18.5	0.6
Nov 1, 2020	Moderate	57.9	1.4
Dec 1, 2020	Substantial	139.1	3
Jan 3, 2021	Substantial	190.1	7.7
Feb 1, 2021	Substantial	586.4	7.4
March 1, 2021	Substantial	213.2	3.1
April 1, 2021	Substantial	157.6	3.7
May 3, 2021	Substantial	243.4	6.0
June 1, 2021	Moderate	97.3	2.1
July 1, 2021	Minimal	48.7	1.1
July 30, 2021	Minimal	30.1	1.8
August 16, 2021	Substantial	185.4	5.7

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Town Data												
	Hillsboro Total Population: 6,044			Deering Total Population: 1,956			Washington Total Population: 1,121			Windsor Total Population: 244		
Date	Active	Overall	% Fully Vaccinated	Active	Overall	% Fully Vaccinated	Active	Overall	% Fully Vaccinated	Active	Overall	% Fully Vaccinated
Sept 2	1-4	18		1-4	1-4		0	5				
Oct 1	1-4	21		0	1-4		0	5				
Nov 1	8	39		1-4	7		0	5				
Dec 1	8	62		1-4	10		1-4	10				
Jan 3	15	127		1-4	24		1-4	20		0	1-4	
Feb 1	8	202		1-4	37		1-4	32		1-4	1-4	
March 1	6	225		1-4	41		0	37		0	5	
April 1	15	260		1-4	46		0	37		1-4	10	
May 3	7	300		1-4	59		1-4	41		0	11	
June 1	1-4	308		0	61		0	42		1-4	12	
July 1	0	308		0	62		1-4	44		0	12	
July 30	1	312	40.2%	0	63	38.7%	0	44	48.7%	0	12	46.4%
August 13	1-4	325	40.5%	0	65	39.0%	1-4	47	49.0%	0	12	46.9%

* Case(s) first reported in Windsor on December 10th.

Comparative Covid Data September 2, 2020 - August 16, 2021

Date	Statewide Number of Hospitalizations Due To Covid-19	Statewide Percent of Population Fully Vaccinated
Sept 2	9	
Oct 1	15	
Nov 1	38	
Dec 1	160	
Jan 3	325	
Feb 1	193	
March 1	90	Data first reported March 4th: 7.8%
April 1	77	16.8%
May 3	80	26.2%
June 1	26	48.5%
July 1	15	53.9%
July 30	29	53.7%
August 13	61	53.8%

Draft SAU 34 Local Decision Pandemic Response Mitigation Matrix

This matrix serves as a guide when planning and making decisions regarding implementing mitigation strategies. SAU 34 reserves the right to take a more restrictive approach as the situation warrants.

Executive Orders/Public Health Department Guidance supersede local decision making

Last updated: August 16, 2021 5:30pm

Considerations <i>Listed below are factors that will be taken into consideration when determining the level of mitigation required.</i>	Minimal Mitigation	Moderate Mitigation	Substantial Mitigation
	<div>1.Promote Vaccination</div> <div>2.Face Mask Use*:<ul style="list-style-type: none">mandatory on busesoptional indoors and outdoors</div> <div>3.Physical Distancing of at least 3 feet when possible</div> <div>4.Screening Testing of higher risk groups such as sports teams</div> <div>5.Increase Ventilation</div> <div>6.Handwashing & Respiratory Etiquette</div> <div>7.Stay home when sick & get tested</div> <div>8.Contact Tracing in combination with Isolation & Quarantine</div> <div>9.Daily Cleaning & disinfection when known virus contact</div>	<div>1.Promote Vaccination</div> <div>2.Face Mask Use*:<ul style="list-style-type: none">mandatory on busesoptional but recommended indoorsoptional outdoors</div> <div>3.Physical Distancing of 3-6 feet when possible</div> <div>4.Increased Screening Testing</div> <div>5.Increase Ventilation</div> <div>6.Handwashing & Respiratory Etiquette</div> <div>7.Stay home when sick & get tested</div> <div>8. Contact Tracing in combination with Isolation & Quarantine</div> <div>9.Daily Cleaning & disinfection when known virus contact</div>	<div>1.Promote Vaccination</div> <div>2.Face Mask Use*:<ul style="list-style-type: none">mandatory on busesmandatory indoors unless eatingoptional outdoors</div> <div>3.Physical Distancing of 3-6 feet when possible</div> <div>4.Significant Screening Testing</div> <div>5.Increase Ventilation</div> <div>6.Handwashing & Respiratory Etiquette</div> <div>7.Stay home when sick & get tested</div> <div>8. Contact Tracing in combination with Isolation & Quarantine</div> <div>9.Daily Cleaning & disinfection when known virus contact</div>
*Face Mask Use based on the Matrix Below. Community Vaccination Rate is currently below 80%			
Level of Community Transmission			
Numbers of new infections per 100,000 population over prior 14 days	<50	50-100	>100
Combined population of Hillsboro, Deering, Washington, and Windsor			149.8
Current Sullivan County:			185.4
Current Rest of Hillsborough County:			181.7
COVID-19 total test positivity as a 7 day average	< 5%	5-10%	>10%
Current Sullivan County:		5.7%	
Current Rest of Hillsborough County:		6.3%	

Cases within the school facility			
	Zero or sporadic cases with no evidence of transmission within the school setting	One cluster in the school	Two or more unrelated cluster in the school with onset (based on source cases symptom onset dates) within 14 days of each other
Current H-DES	X		
Current H-DMS	X		
Current H-DHS	X		
Current H-DHS Alt Program	X		
Current WES	X		

Decision Matrix: NH Department of Health and Human Services recommendations for use of facemasks indoors based on the level of community transmission and COVID-19 transmission within a facility.

		Level of Community Transmission		
		Minimal	Moderate	Substantial
Cases within School Facility	Sporadic cases without evidence of facility transmission	Optional*	Optional*	Universal
	Single Cluster	Targeted	Targeted	Universal
	Multiple clusters or a larger outbreak	Universal	Universal	Universal
Per Federal Mandate all drivers and riders on school busses or vans are required to wear masks that cover their mouth and nose while on board.				

*Facemasks still recommended for people who want maximal protection for themselves or others (e.g. a household member who is unvaccinated or medically vulnerable)

	Combined population of Hillsboro, Deering, Washington, & Windsor	Rest of Hillsborough County	Sullivan County
Current Vaccination Rates	41.3%	49.7%	48.8%

The CDC and NH DHHS recommend Nine Key Prevention Strategies

1. Promote Vaccination
2. Face Mask Use
3. Physical Distancing
4. Screening Testing
5. Increase Ventilation
6. Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette
7. Stay home when sick and get tested
8. Contact Tracing in combination with Isolation and Quarantine
9. Cleaning and disinfection