

To: Members of the Voluntown REOPEN Committee in the Time of Covid and Variants

Amy L. Suffoletto -----	Principal
Lloyd A. Johnson -----	Director of Student Services
Terry Guintas-----	School Nurse
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Anne Michaud -----	Transportation Coordinator
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Andrea Kelly -----	Teacher and VEA President
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Kate Beuparlant -----	Board of Education Chair and Parent
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Tracey Hanson -----	First Selectwoman and Parent
Patrick McCormack -----	UNCAS Health Director, MPH
Amanda Page -----	Parent
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Copy: J. Grenier (Emergency Management) and Dr. Geller (Medical Advisor)

From: Adam S. Burrows – Superintendent of Schools

Re: **Online Reopen Committee Meeting on Wednesday, February 23, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.**

===== **AGENDA** =====

1. Call to Order
2. MINUTES REOPEN Meeting on 2-16-22 (*Attached*)
3. McCormack - Weekly Report on 2-17-22 (*Attached*)
4. Mask Survey – A. Suffoletto (*Attached*)
5. Updates about Protocols: Legislation, Governor, DPH, UNCAS, and other
6. Review Draft of a Newsletter about the Mask Option: Effective on 2-28-22 (*Attached*)
7. Town of Voluntown Update – T. Hanson
8. Self-Test Kits and Quarantine Protocols
9. VES Sports and After School Activities
10. Transportation
11. Other
12. Agenda items for the next online REOPEN meeting on Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

Purpose of the REOPEN Committee

The Commissioner in the Spring of 2020 required each school system to form a Reopen Committee to publish a REOPEN plan with proper safety precautions in the time of COVID-19. “Adapt, Advance, Achieve: Connecticut’s Plan to Learn and Grow Together”, an “LEA REOPEN Template”, and a “District Survey” were available as tools. Our Voluntown decision-making process uses a leadership model of established committees to guide the research, review, implementation, and evaluation of the wide range of programs to create effective and successful programs. Our committee includes parents, faculty, and staff, as well as community and regional representatives. VES K-8 Grades was one of just a few schools in the state to remain in-person for all of 2020. Every effort is being made to maintain safety protocols for full in-person school activities in 2021-2022.

Mask wearing has now become one of the most talked about issues and requires a careful review by this REOPEN Committee to develop the safest follow-through for our educational community as well as the need to follow any state, federal, and regional guidelines.

(ASB and DSJ on 2-22-22)