

Andover Public Schools K-1 In-Person Learning Plan

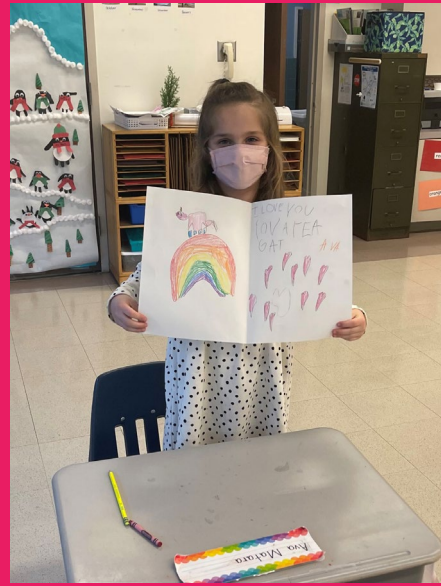
Bringing Back Our Youngest Learners
February 25, 2021 - SC Meeting

Reimagine, Reconstruct, Reunite

*Increasing in-person
learning:
Andover Public Schools*



Our Goal:



We are committed to engaging in thoughtful discussions and action planning in an effort to return students to in-person learning. This proposal is the first step towards realizing this goal.

Reimagine: Why K-1 at this time?

- Young students need to learn the social-emotional skills to navigate school and interact with their peers
- Young students have a more difficult time with remote instruction
- Young students need key foundational literacy and numeracy skills
- District data shows a need for more direct instruction in early reading skills

Reconstruct: What is the Plan/Recommendation?

- Increase in-person learning for K-1
- Begins March 8th
 - *Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday in-person hybrid K-1 students*
- Remote Academy families may request a shift to in-person (grades K and 1) from March 8- March 15 (start date TBD); requests are space dependent
- Maintain at-home learning day on Wednesdays

Reconstruct:

What can I expect for my K-1 student?

Transportation	Arrival to & Dismissal from School	School Spaces	Instruction	Snack Lunch Recess	Specials / Staffing
<p>K-1 Students (and siblings at the school) who qualify for transportation can reconsider accessing bus transportation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● No major changes needed● Small school-based logistical adjustment● Some may see an increase in pick up lines	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Students will now follow a 3-foot distance facing forwards● Additional space for eating is needed	<p>Instruction will be in-person but continue to follow a blended learning approach</p>	<p>Students will have snack, recess and lunch following current DESE guidelines (6 foot distance) along with each individual school's capacity</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Students will continue to have Art, Music, PE, Library Media● Increase need for additional substitutes

Reconstruct: What is the Plan/Recommendation?

- Fill out district level surveys to gather reliable information; next survey will be going out on Friday, February 26th
- Consider shifting to bus transportation; anticipate larger numbers of cars on school property
- Offer extra reminders regarding masks, distancing, hand-washing, etc.
- Acknowledge change comes with range of emotions (confusion, anxiety, resistance, frustration, and false starts) for kids/adults
- We Are Andover and **together - WE CAN DO THIS!!**

Timeline

APS begins discussions on how to bring back hybrid K/1 students for 4 days

Fall 2020

2/26/2021

APS will survey ALL K/1 families and 2-5 families to help with planning next steps for hybrid or remote students.

Hybrid K/1 can return to 4 days.

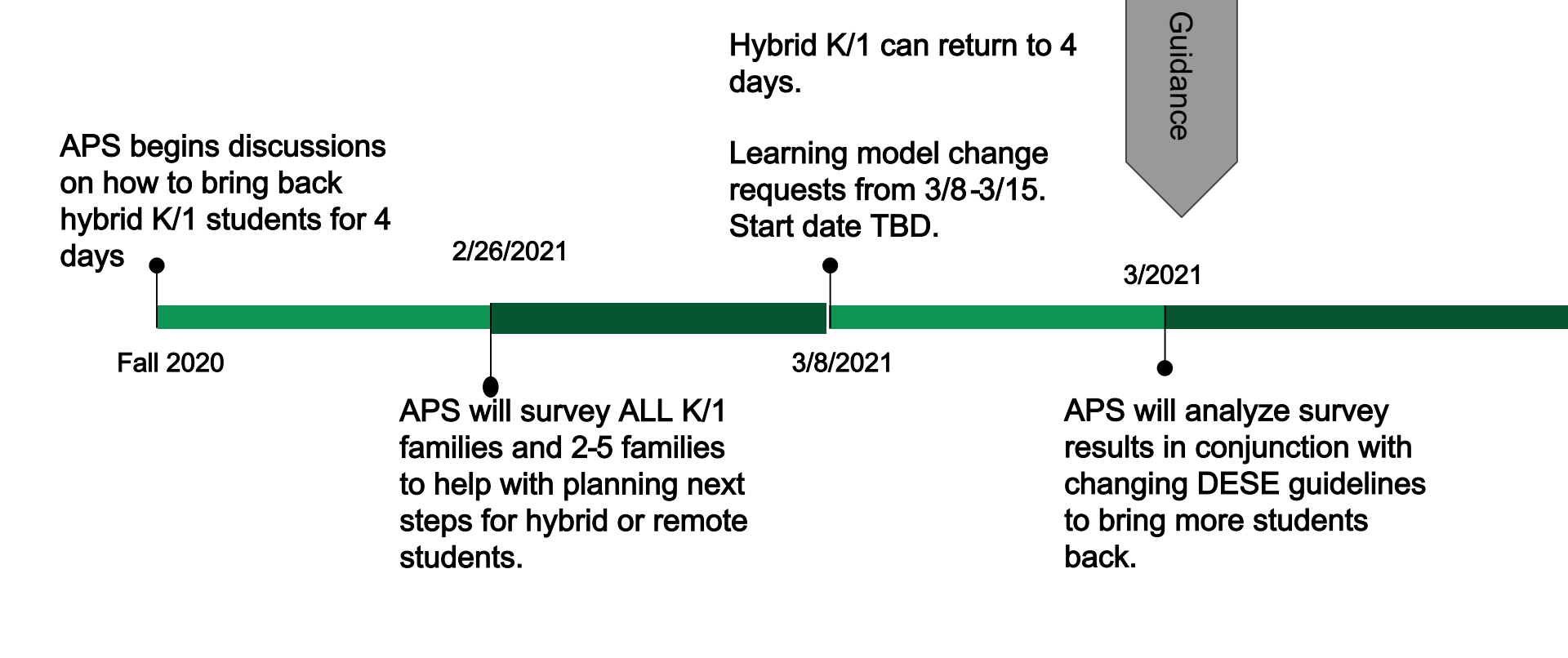
Learning model change requests from 3/8-3/15. Start date TBD.

3/8/2021

3/2021

APS will analyze survey results in conjunction with changing DESE guidelines to bring more students back.

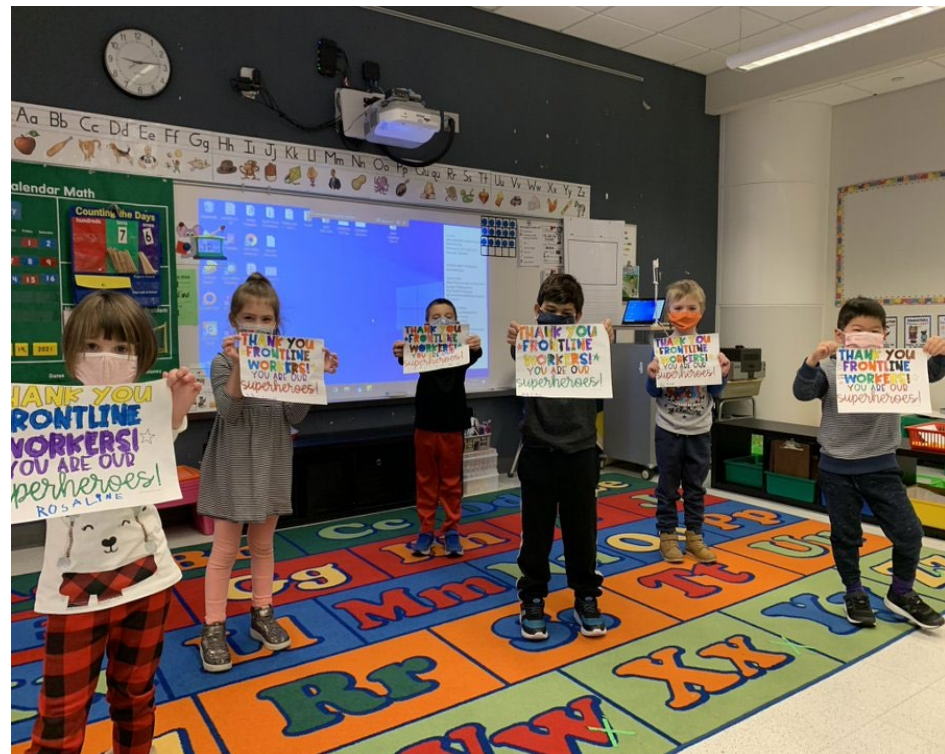
DESE Guidance





Reuniting in a Different Way!

Thank you to our
superheroes...our
Andover teachers
and staff!



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*We are ready to restart and
welcome back our youngest
learners!*

