

Newport Public Schools

Community Town Hall Meeting

January 28, 2021

School Building Update

- Owner's Project/Program Manager is on board – Downes Construction Company
- D-B RFQ has been issued for Pell (closes February 10)
- RFQ for Architect/Engineering services has been issued for RHS (closes February 22)
- RFP for Construction Manager at RHS is in process and scheduled to be issued later this week (closes March 10)

Vaccinations...what we know

- First responders are currently in the process of receiving second doses (scheduled for completion this week)
- City of Newport is in the process of developing a schedule for the next phase of vaccine distribution:
 - Seniors Age 75+
 - K-12 teachers and staff (including custodial, food service, etc.)
 - Municipal staff

SurveyWorks

- Families will choose their school from a searchable dropdown menu of schools using this link: [SurveyWorks](#)
- Student and Family surveys are available in English, Spanish, and Portuguese.
- We encourage adults to complete a survey for each school that they have a child attending.
- In the circumstance where a parent has two children in the same school with drastically different experiences, they may complete two surveys.

SurveyWorks

It is important that we have feedback data for planning purposes and school improvement. Data collection will include:

- Cultural Awareness & Action: Students, staff, and families will respond to a series of questions about discussing, and confronting issues of race, ethnicity, and culture.
- Learning Mode Demographic: data across surveys will be disaggregated by how respondents spent the year (All online, mostly online, some online/some in-person, mostly in-person, all In-person).

Online Report Card Access

If you received an email notifying you your child's report card is ready for viewing to log in through the Aspen portal:

<https://ri-newport.myfollett.com/>

If you do not have an account or do not remember your password please send an email to parentportal@npsri.net

Directions to access report cards for each school are available on our website [click here](#)

COVID update

[Data dashboard](#) – updated daily

[COVID-19 Data Tracker](#) - updated weekly (RIDOH data on number of people tested and number of people with positive results in RI by community)

FOLLOW THE RULES: Keep within your household group (no large gatherings), *wash* your hands, *wear* your mask and *watch* your distance

It is difficult. We all want to resume our normal activities. *Please stay strong and work together. We need to stop the spread and be diligent for the health and safety of our community.*

“COVID Fatigue”

- Thank you for being vigilant and patient over the last 10 months
- We are working together to overcome the virus
- “COVID fatigue”- people thinking that they don’t have to be as careful
- It is difficult – even asymptomatic people may be transmitting the virus
- **Please** stay strong and resist the temptation to get together with others
- There is light at the end of the tunnel!

Travel

Health and Safety

Travel out of state will result in the need to quarantine for 14 days upon your return and your child will have to do Distance Learning.

Updated list: [States with Travel Restrictions upon entry to RI](#)

To prevent further restrictions going forward and to avoid school shutdown, we must be diligent in following quarantine rules of 14 days.

Budget Development FY22 and FY23

- Building and District Administrators have developed staffing plans for FY22 looking forward to FY23
- Draft FY22 is being finalized for presentation to Newport School Committee and City Council.
- Parent input and participation in the budget process is critical as we advocate for our students

Food Service

- Chartwells and Newport Community School provide meals in several locations across the City.
- All meals are free of charge, for all children 18 years or younger.
- Children do not need to be NPS students in order to receive meals.

Ocean's Way 10:15-10:35

Bayside 11:15-11:35

Festival Field 11:45-12:05

Chapel Terrace 10:45-11:05

Front of TMS 11:15-11:45

Florence Gray Center 12:15-12:35

Technology

All technology issues and requests – submit to helpdesk@npsri.net
Phone assistance is also available at 1-800-253-7122

Distance Learning Help Desk 7 AM – 8 PM, Monday – Friday

Email: helpdesk@npsri.net

Web: <https://support.customms.com>

Phone: 1-833-752-0725*

For help in **Spanish, call the IT Help Desk phone number at 1-833-752-0725 and dial “2”.*

[Help Desk slide deck](#)

Thank You!

- How can we help to better support you?
- Questions?