

HSS 10/9/20 Town Hall Follow-up Questions

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Questions	I understand that my SPED child is in Gen Ed classrooms but he is struggling in a virtual session are we going to allow them to go back sooner ?		
Answers	There is no plan to bring MS/HS students back prior to group 7/8 at this time.		
Questions	COVID cases are higher than before and going up, what metrics are you guys using?	Hayfield hallways are crowded, what's the plan? Are they going to use lockers? How do you plan on having the students social distance at lunch especially with mask off while eating? Will it be enforced	How will the 7th graders know how to navigate? Will they have a tour prior?
Answers	Please review FCPS metrics within this presentation (this is not a HSS decision)	When students return, they will be divided into two groups which come on separate days. Right now, only about half of the Hayfield population is choosing in person school. So, that means approximately only one fourth of the school population would be in the building at any given time. We will have staff in the hallways monitoring and directing traffic. We will set up the cafeteria so that students have to sit apart from each other. Lunches will occur in classrooms as well as large space like the cafeteria. We will utilize various methods to provided spaced out seating while students eat.	We typically have staff standing in the hallway during class changes during the first week so that students can ask where to go. The majority of their classes exist in classrooms around a square on the first floor of the middle school side of the building. We will have to see if there is an opportunity to bring students in for a tour. We will explore the opportunity for an orientation for new and 7th grade students and virtual tour options may be available as well.
Questions	I'm concerned about being bound to the return to school decision at this time as rates are climbing and we do not know what will happen in January. Our student has currently elected the 'in-person' option for return to school, and we hope she can return in-person when it is safe. If Hayfield returns to 'in-person', concurrent instruction in January (or later), but we do not feel safe sending our child to school in-person at that time, can she stay home and continue 100% virtual without penalty?		
Answers	FCPS has not outlined a specific plan for families to change their choice after the November 6th deadline.		
Questions	For HHS students taking the Nursing Academy Course from West Potomac HS, does FCPS provide transportation to / from West Potomac HS (including while the Academy courses do in-person classes before the rest of HS students return)? If so, does FCPS provide transportation to / from the HHS student's neighborhood bus stop to West Potomac and back?		

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Answers	During this period of Cohort Learning, Academy busses are running from near stops or depots (such as closest elementary school). Once students are back in-person there is no guarantee of a bus directly from the home to the academy. Busses during a traditional year take students from the base school to the academy (usually).		
Questions	Do my child really need to come to school or is it optional that my child can do virtual classes.		
Answers	It is your decision if you want to send them back or stay virtual. Your student will still get quality instruction as they have been since the September opening		
Questions	We have heard that there might be some big shuffling of teachers if the school reopens. I thought the whole reason they pressed us to decide in person or virtual in July, was to give schools time to put classes together?		
Answers	We did put our master schedule together based on the data we had from July. We do not anticipate major changes to our schedule, but the data that drove our master schedule is changing. We will base our schedule on the choices made by students and staff as well as if we are able to obtain the technology support to conduct concurrent classes. Student's families have been given another opportunity to choose virtual or in-person learning. Staff have also been given the opportunity to choose to take medical leave or to resign or to get a medical accommodation to stay virtual. These changes may cause some schedule changes for students.		
Questions	Will there be a choice for hybrid learning?	How will lunch get served?	What happens if a student doesn't feel safe and wants to go home during the middle of a class? Are they able to finish class virtually?
Answers	It will not be one of the choices though some students are experiencing a hybrid schedule now with the return of some cohorts.	Right now the lunches are grab and go style lunches.	That will depend on if the class is a concurrently taught class. If the class is only occurring in-person, this option would not exist.
Questions	If my 10th grade student chooses to attend 2 days per week for concurrent instruction and finds it to be not a good fit (stress, anxiety, too crowded to really follow safe distancing guidelines, etc.) will she be able to revert back to full-time online learning at some point?	Will students get to choose which 2 days they will attend? I assume that because of block scheduling it will be broken out to Tues/Wed OR Thur/Fri. Having a choice could be helpful in regards to after school clubs and sports.	Will after school clubs still be online?

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Answers	FCPS has not outlined a specific plan for families to change their choice after the November 6th deadline.	In-person students will not have a choice on which days, this will be done primarily with an alphabetical split.	Our plan and our hope is to continue to to support robust student activities virtually even when in-person options return so we can support our in-person and virtual students engagement in school.
Questions	Can you please address whether or not virtual students can participate in sports. It was asked multiple times during the chat and not answered. In the summer, it was yes, but I'd like to know if it has changed.	How are hands-on classes (like science labs, cooking classes, etc) going to be handled? Will it be demos? Virtual labs?	Does the school have bike racks (and maybe more than usual?) if we choose to have our kids bike to school in order to avoid the bus?
Answers	100% virtual students can participate in sports as long as their virtual class is through FCPS.	Hands on classes will inevitably be impacted by social distancing guidelines. Exactly what the balance between "normal" labs, demos, and virtual labs will vary from one subject to another.	We do have bike racks at entrance 1 & 9 for students to use. If we find there is a need for more racks due to increased interest in biking to school, we can explore that option.
Questions	For students retuning to the classroom, when a positive test occurs and/or there is a need to quarantine for 14 days, will students be able to switch to 100% virtual learning?	Will there be temperature checks upon entering the building or getting on the school bus?	Please describe the HVAC/ventilation improvements that have been done to prepare for a return to in person learning.
Answers	If students must return home due to a positive COVID case, learning will continue virtually (as it is occurring now).	Temperature checks will occur at the bus stop and upon entry to the building (regardless of arriving by bus, car, or walking).	FCPS produced a ventilation report on 9/1/20 and it can be found at this link.
Questions	Why are we required to make a choice before Dr. Braband reports back on the concurrent pilot findings on November 12?		
Answers	HSS does not have an answer to the reason behind the timing of parent intentions being due on 11/6 and the concurrent report on 11/12. Our belief is the intention confirmation form, which is meant to give families a second opportunity to share their intention for their child, needs to be received as soon as possible so detailed planning can begin.		
Questions	If a student chooses to continue school virtually, will they still be allowed to participate in in-person clubs, sports, etc?		
Answers	Our plan and our hope is to continue to to support robust student activities virtually even when in-person options return so we can support our in-person and virtual students engagement in school.		
Questions	Will there be asynchronous work assigned for Mondays? I would personally like to ask for this to be a "catch-up day" and not pile more work on our students.	How will office hours work when you move to concurrent learning? How does this work for students who are 100% virtual in a class with in person students? Will there be a dedicated time for those in-person teachers to have office hours for the virtual population?	

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Answers	Mondays will remain asynchronous. Exact details of what the expectation for that have not yet been communicated for the group 7/8 phase-in (MS & HS students).	Office hours will still be offered by teachers to support student learning. Office hours are offered after school is finished for the day. The exact details around this will have to be worked out as we get closer.	
Questions	Are students who are returning in person, maintaining the same teachers of their virtual classes?	Will there be changes to the bell start for the in person's day?	How will families who chose virtual in the summer but in person this time, will be notified of their acceptance? Will counselors contact families?
Answers	The plan is for students to maintain their courses as they currently are. However, because of families ability to change their responses from the summer in combination with potential social distancing concerns related to building capacity, schedule changes could be possible.	For now, we are operating with the understanding the bell schedule will remain, however, until intentions are received and transportation can be coordinated, we cannot guarantee that either way.	In-person vs virtual intentions will be communicated back to families.
Questions	If we elect the hybrid option for our middle and high school kids but then change our minds after they begin attending school in person (for example, if we have safety concerns or it's problematic for our kids), will we have the option to revert to online school?		
Answers	FCPS has not outlined a specific plan for families to change their choice after the November 6th deadline. However, a decision to change from in-person back to 100% virtual is one that would be more feasible to honor than vice-versa.		