

SCHOOL UNION 76

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“Public Schools not only serve the public, they make the public.”

Superintendent’s Memo

To: Parents/Guardians Deer Isle-Stonington Schools
From: Christian M. Elkington
Re: Special School Reopening Update Mtgs. – What does Green Mean?
Date: 7-31-2020

With a little over a month to go before SU 76 takes our final steps to reopen schools, we know that parents and guardians, just like staff, want answers now. You need to plan and don’t want to have to continue to worry about the unknown. As other school systems release their plans, your concerns will probably increase. We also understand that some are thinking you just will decide now whether to send your children to school when buildings reopen OR to not send your children to school, because your school system does not yet have all the answers now. We hear this loud and clear and get it!!!

Unfortunately, because of COVID-19, we (schools, parents and kids), don’t have the information for planning that we had to you in previous years on July 31st. This is our reality in SU 76, Hancock County, Maine and throughout the US. July 31st, 2020 is not like any other and because of this, sadly, some parents/guardians, students and staff are getting frustrated. I am concerned that this frustration may lead to rash decisions or statements being made that will not support what is best for our kids. What we all want!

This coming week, in order to try to help ease some frustrations, I am setting up in-person meetings within each SU 76 district. I will provide parents & guardians with the information I now have, clarify as best as possible where SU 76 is with our planning work, what is meant by wearing masks in schools, social distancing in schools, what the new Green-Yellow-Red info means, along with our understanding of specific guidelines set forth by the Maine Dept. of Ed. I will also do my best to answer other questions you may have.

Because these meetings will be in-person, using school gyms, they will be limited to the first 40 parents who contact my office (only one person per family please), as we can have no more than 50 in a space as long as we can observe 6 ft. social distancing. Some space will be taken up by administration and school committee members who will attend.

DIS’ Meeting will be this Wednesday, August 5th starting at 5:30 pm in the high school gym.

In order to attend, please call my office (348-9100), starting this Monday between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. When you call, staff will check our lists to see if there is room and ask for your name and your child’s name. Anyone who attends this meeting will need to wear a mask.