

Wilmington City Council's Education, Youth and Family Committee

Presented by Dr. Dan Shelton, Superintendent
September 9, 2020

Reopening Key Dates

July 2020

July 27- External and Internal Stakeholders Share Input through Surveys

September 2020

September 8- First Day of School Remote Learning Begins through October 160

September 30- District Analysis of Progression to Next Phase of Hybrid Learning

August 2020

August 4 - Survey Review, Discussion and Plan Development

August 11 - Superintendent Announces School Reopening Date Approved by Board of Education

August 15 - Launch CSD School Reopening Web Page

August 17- Teachers First Day Back to School (extended-year schools)

August 24 - Teachers First Day Back to School (traditional-year schools)

October 2020

October 12- District and Board of Education Review Options for Next Phase of Learning

October 19- Recommended Beginning of Hybrid Learning Implementation

What We Have Learned

Successes

- Teacher and Staff PD
- Learning Management System (Schoology)
- Video Conferencing System (Zoom)
- HVAC/ Air Circulation Evaluations
- Nurse Preparations

Opportunities

- Chromebooks/ iPads for all Students
- Internet Connection for all Students
- Family Connections
- Equitable Access



Academics & Equity Updates

Academics and Equity – Phase I

- The Academics and Equity Committee continues to provide recommendations for hybrid and virtual school reopening this fall.
- Considerations for schools:

Before Learning

Rapid identification academic, social, emotional and basic needs, designing professional learning and planning for intervention.

During Learning

Prioritizing curriculum, creating sample schedules, and ensuring ample time for intervention

After Learning

Identifying academic, social, emotional and community outreach and supports for students, families and staff as they navigate the virtual learning space.

Academics and Equity – Phase II

- Prioritized district curriculum in all content areas to support learning in the virtual space.
- Launched a series of professional learning for our newly adopted Learning Management System.
- Delivered Train the Trainer professional learning modules from Modern Teacher Framework to representatives from each school campus.
- Purchased Pro Zoom accounts for all school personnel.

Academics and Equity

- Established a new attendance policy for the virtual space.
- Transferred our Student/Family Services material to an online platform including the ability to sign electronically.
- Worked closely with our Technology department to prep all available devices while awaiting the delivery of additional inventory (including hot spots).
- Created plans to contact every family and provide programming for those who do not have devices.

Academics and Equity

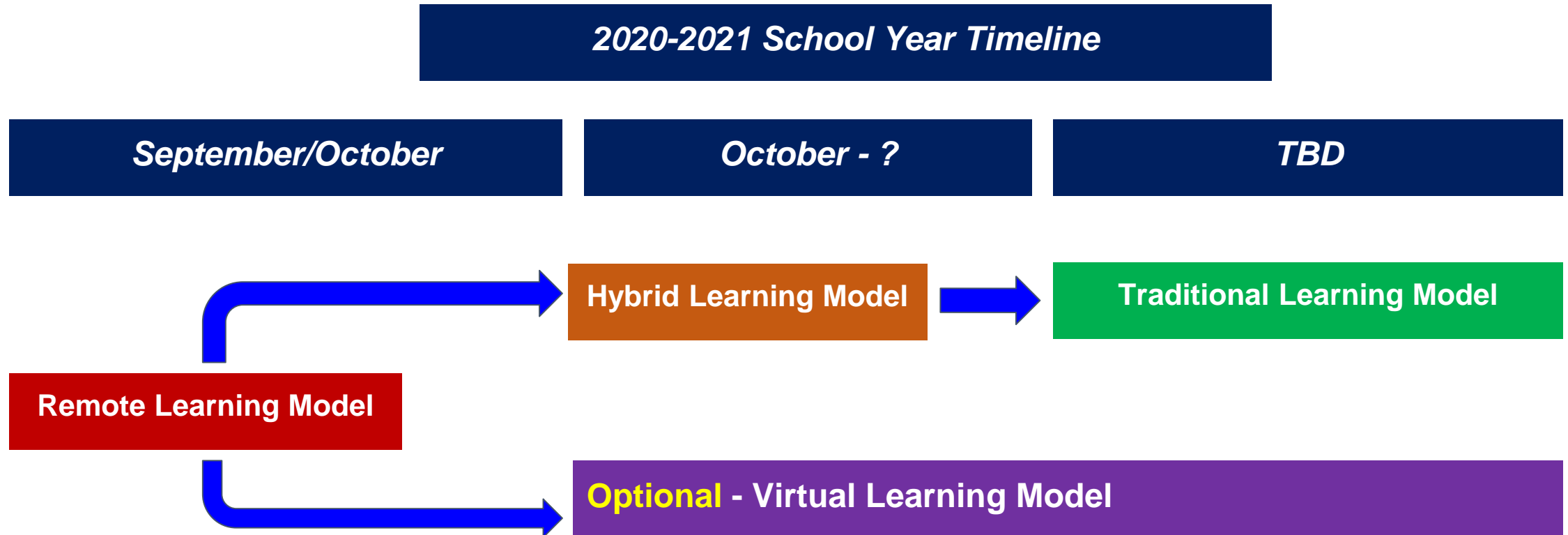
- Identified universal screeners to rapidly identify learning needs in the first days/weeks of school.
- Established Extra Time programming to offer extra support and/or enrichment for all students.
- Worked with community partners to establish Learning Pods throughout the communities of Newark and Wilmington.
- Created partnerships with community based organizations to partner and provide additional supportive opportunities for students and their families.



Christina School District Virtual Academy

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A Virtual Learning Model



Christina School District Virtual Academy

- What is the CSDVA?
- Optional - Virtual Learning Model
- School Program
 - Taught and supported by CSD Teachers, Counselors, and Admin
- Contingent Upon Enrollment
- Year Commitment
- Website/FAQ's: www.christinak12.org/CSDVA



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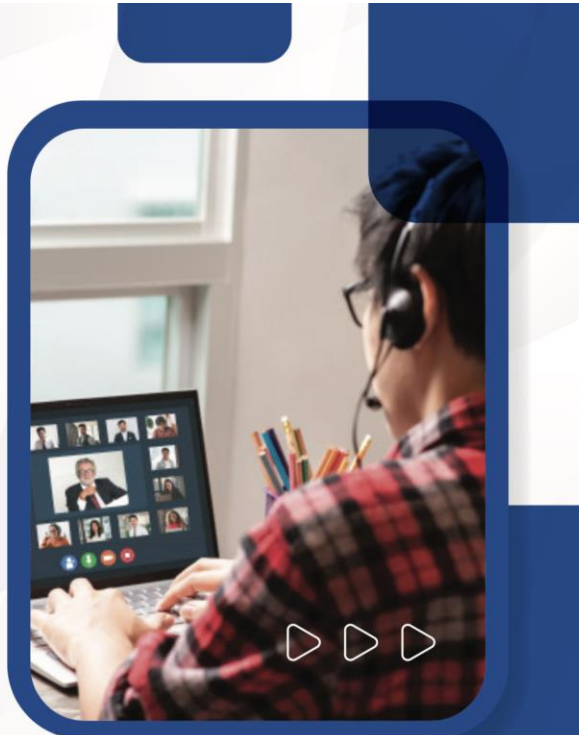
- Is there a Need for the CSDVA?
- July CSD Parent Survey
 - 39% of families indicated they would not send their students back to school this fall, even with Governor approval and state recommended safety precautions.
- New Non Public Schools in Delaware
 - 563 new non public schools have been registered
 - 877 total students
- >1,000 families sought enrollment in the first 72 hours

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CSD VIRTUAL ACADEMY TOWN HALL

Come hear more about CSDVA, an additional learning option being offered to meet the diverse needs of Christina families.



**Thursday
September 10**

6:30-7:30 PM

JOIN US TO
LEARN MORE



“Christina School District’s new, fully online, and teacher-directed learning program for students in kindergarten through Grade 12.”

via Zoom
ChristinaK12.org/Zoom
Passcode: 251344

www.christinak12.org/CSDVA

(302) 552-2600



Operations and Services Updates

Operations and Services

Focus on Increasing Equity & Access

Technology

- Build on Christina's 1:1 plan and roll out to all grades
- Provide devices to Special Programs that meet the unique technology needs of students and staff
- Invest in cameras that allow remote access to classroom teaching
- Acquire hotspots to address Internet connectivity issues
- Tech teams have been created at each school to provide enhanced support for students, families, and staff

Nutrition

- Expanded remote meal access by providing bus delivery to high-need communities in addition to curbside pickup (21 sites)
- USDA approved continued funding for free meals for all children 18 and younger through December 31st or until federal funding for this program runs out

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Focus on Increasing Equity & Access

Transportation

- Three buses (ES, MS, and HS) did trial runs to determine time and supplies needed to disinfect, the impact on additional time needed between runs, and impact on bell times
- Cleaning supplies and PPE acquired
- Two cleaning models
 - Routine - cleaned with EPA-approved disinfectant between every run
 - Targeted - routine, plus foggers used in suspected/confirmed exposure and during long weekends or breaks
- Constraints around transportation remain one of the major challenges to returning in a hybrid or traditional model

Safe Buildings for Staff and Students

CDC recommendations to create a safe and healthy building for staff, students, and the public.

- Increase fresh air entering the building
- Improve air filtration
- Purify recirculated air

Expert Engineers inspected CSD air dampers and facilities to provide recommendations for optimal settings.

Facilities Goals

- To have our students and staff return to clean and safe buildings. We have accomplished this goal by deep cleaning our buildings.
- In the case of a reported presumed positive person, minimize the spread of the virus to others. There are three parts to our response:
 - Providing PPE to staff and students
 - Disinfecting surfaces where the presumed positive person travelled
 - Operate our ventilation and air purification systems in a way that minimizes the spread of the virus to others



Health and Wellness Updates

Health and Wellness Update

A healthy Christina community is critical for effective learning.

Daily Protocols for a Safe Return to School

- Follow CDC Guidelines/DDOE Reopening Guidelines ✓
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Supports for Special Populations/Partnership with DPH
- Identification and Implementation of Required PPE for Staff and Student Return ✓
- COVID/CRISIS Response Teams ✓
- COVID Readiness Assessment Tool ✓

Educating our Stakeholders

- COVID Safety and Personal Hygiene ✓
- Based on Facts and Science
- Responding to Protocols
- Required Staff Training ✓
- Daily Self Health Assessment ✓
- Students/Families

Aug 17-21 ✓	Aug 24 - 28 ✓	Aug 31- Sept. 4	Sept. 8	Sept 14 - Ongoing
Training for School/District Leaders/Nurses; COVID Readiness Assessment	PPE Delivered to Schools; Training for all staff; COVID Response Teams Implemented	COVID Readiness Assessment; Isolation Rooms in Nurse Suite; Signage Posted , Student/Family COVID Safety Presentations Finalized	First Day of Remote Learning; GOAL - <i>Buildings Ready for Potential of All Staff Return</i>	Prepare for Student Return via Hybrid Model; Plan COVID Safety Presentations for Students/Families; Continue working with DPH for safe return.

PPE Update

Promised to Schools/Buildings

Desktop Shields	187 units
Sanitizing Stations	175 units
Hand Sanitizer for Disp.	840 gallons
Soap and/or Sanitizer	1,569 disp.
Face Coverings	821 packs
EPA Approved Disinfectant	120 cases
Air Purifiers	158 units
Logo COVID Signage	Sept. 25
Isolation Room Partitions	Sept. 23

Promised to Teachers and Staff

Hand Sanitizer	2,844 bottles
Face Coverings	22,600 masks
Logo Face Coverings	Sept. 15
Disinfectant Wipes	4,986 units
Face Shields	2,280 units
Facial Tissues	5,250 boxes
Gloves	2,450 boxes
Gowns (Nurses & Custodial)	6,480 units
KN95 Masks (Nurses & Custodial)	1,460 masks

Health and Wellness

- Staff COVID-19 Testing
 - 2,650 unique URL's have been distributed
- Student Testing - Tentative
 - 3 Locations - GHS, Kirk, and Drew
 - October 8, 9, and 12
 - 15-20 volunteers per day/site
 - Collaborative effort with DEMA, NCC, and CSD
- Isolation Rooms in 12 CSD schools
- Educational COVID-19 videos produced for staff and students
- Developed a Framework to track CSD positive COVID-19 staff and students
- DPH Pediatrician available for consult
- Community participation (Food Bank, COVID Testing)

Special Populations Update

Action steps for the development of a hybrid instructional model for students of special programs.

1

Coordination with DPH

- Keeping committee up-to date with changes in CDC guidelines
- Reviewing evidence-based guidance for protocol development with medical professionals
- Communicating possible needs for support in maintaining appropriate levels of appropriate PPE

2

Identifying Barriers/ Solutions

- Partnering with other district's special services committees to discuss processes for similar challenges
- Focusing the greatest challenges:
 - Lack of student mask wearing
 - Difficulty for staff to physical distance and still provide instructional supports

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Educating Stakeholders

- Developing and implementing staff training
- Educating families on protocols and their role in preparing their child for in-person instruction
- Educating students on masking, physical distancing and hand hygiene

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**Student success
and well-being
remain our top
priority.**

