

LYNN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Lynn Public Schools Community,

I am writing to update you on our planning for the 2021-22 school year. In keeping with current state regulations, the Lynn Public Schools will open the [2021-22 school year](#) full-time, in person at all levels. As has been the case from the very beginning of the pandemic, the health and safety of students and staff remains our top priority. Accordingly, we are closely monitoring the COVID-19 data in our community in partnership with our nursing department and the city's Health Director.

Over the course of the past three weeks, both the [American Academy of Pediatrics](#) and [Center of Disease Control](#) have released recommendations related to health and safety for the upcoming school year. Additionally, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) is set to release guidance for the upcoming school year within the next two weeks. In partnership with our Nursing team and the City's Health Department, we plan to align our safety protocols with the soon-to-be released guidance by DESE.

By now, we are all-too-familiar with scenarios where there are many questions and only a handful of answers. Nonetheless, the extent to which we stay together and in communication can only lead to better outcomes. Shortly after the DESE guidance is released, we will work closely with local health officials to finalize our plan and communicate directly with you. More soon.

Yours in partnership,

Patrick Tutwiler, PhD
Superintendent