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How can I obtain more information on the hybrid model FBMS will be following?	We will be following a hybrid model, which was detailed in this district plan from the Superintendent. The hybrid model allows us to bring students back in person in a manner which adheres to current health and safety guidelines.
When is the first day of school?	The first day of school will be September 16th , and all students will begin remotely because it falls on a Wednesday .
	This is the start of “Phase 2.” There are four phases to opening school this year, and they are as follows:
	Phase 1: Teachers work in the building 8/31-9/15
	Phase 2: Students work a <i>modified hybrid model</i> from 9/16-9/22
	Phase 3: Students work a typical hybrid model
Phase 4: Reassess health metrics to move to a possible all in-person model	
What is the “ <i>modified hybrid model</i> ”?	The <i>modified hybrid model</i> runs from September 16-22 and will be set up as follows:
	Wed: 9/16: All students are remote
	Thur: 9/17: Cohort A In-Person & Cohort B Remote
	Fri: 9/18: Cohort B In-Person & Cohort A Remote
	Mon: 9/21: Cohort A In-Person & Cohort B Remote
	Tue: 9/22: Cohort B In-Person & Cohort A Remote
What are teachers doing during Phase 1?	Teachers will be receiving training on health and safety protocols and procedures and the development of digital content. They will also be given time to collaborate with colleagues and plan for hybrid/remote teaching.
For how long will we be in the	As stated in the district plan , Phase 3 will last for six

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hybrid model?	weeks. At the end of six weeks, the district will make a decision based on recommendations from DESE (Department of Elementary and Secondary Education) and state/national health officials along with a review of local and state health metrics. (See p. 9 of district plan .)
How do I know what Cohort my child will be in?	At this point, cohorts will be split by last name. For example, students whose last names begin with the letters A-K will be in Cohort A and students whose last names begin with the letters L-Z will be in Cohort B. (See p. 13 of the district plan .)
What days do the different Cohorts attend school?	During the typical hybrid model (not the modified model) Cohort A will attend school Monday and Tuesday, and Cohort B will attend school Thursday and Friday. (See visual on p. 13 of the district plan .) All other days, students will work remotely.
How do I obtain a Chromebook for my child to use?	ALL students will receive a school-issued 1:1 device (a Chromebook). We will be sending out more information regarding the distribution of Chromebooks in the weeks ahead.
How will my child get to school?	For students who are eligible for bus transportation, it will be provided but must be registered. Registration to ride the bus can be found here , and it must be completed by Sunday, August 23. Students also have the option of being driven to school by their parents and dropped off starting at 7:35AM.
What are the conditions for riding a school bus?	Masks are required, as well as social distancing, and ventilation, assigned seating, and additional supervision are currently being planned by the district as stated in the district plan on pp. 36-37.
How will students enter and exit the building and maintain social distancing?	We are currently working out a plan with our bus provider to manage bus drop offs and pick ups so that social distancing will be maintained. We are considering such choices as unloading/loading one bus at a time and providing multiple areas on our campus to do this all under adult supervision. Maintaining social distancing requirements is our priority.

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Will there be an “early drop off” opportunity as there has been in the past?	We are not able to schedule an early drop off opportunity for students this year. The earliest we will allow students to be dropped off will be 7:35AM, which is 5 minutes prior to our opening time.
For students who are being driven to school by their parents, where is “student drop off” this year?	Student drop off is still being worked out since we need to manage social distancing while entering the building and we are anticipating a large amount of students being transported by car. We will most likely have two locations and we will communicate the logistics prior to school starting.
What is the setup of the classrooms?	Our custodial staff has worked all summer emptying every single classroom to sanitize, wax, and paint the interiors. Additionally, all excess furniture has been removed from classrooms and placed in storage so that students can maintain a six foot distance from one another and move freely within the classroom. This allows us to bring in half of our population, about 500 students, per day, and socially distance. As required by DESE, all desks will be six feet apart and facing the front of the classroom. To do this, we can only take half of our students in the building at a time, hence our hybrid/cohort model.
What is the setup of the hallway passing?	The hallway passing will be one way only. Our building, which is built in essentially two squares, will work in the same fashion as “rotaries.” This will require some extra time in passing but will allow us to maintain social distancing.
How will students maintain social distancing in the cafeteria?	We have moved all of our circular tables out of the cafeteria and have replaced them with smaller tables which will allow for students to maintain social distancing while being able to seat about a third of our normal capacity. Safety and social distancing is our main priority. Students will maintain a six foot distance and remain seated. Adults supervising will rotate the trash barrel, etc. in order to reduce movement in order to help facilitate lunch. Students will be at their own tables, six feet apart.
What safety standards will be	We will be following the safety guidelines within this

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followed for classes such as chorus, band, and physical education?	document from DESE (Department of Elementary and Secondary Education). We also hope to utilize our outside courtyards and fields, and have ordered large tents for both mask breaks and classes.
Is mask wearing required of all students?	Mask wearing, as mandated by Governor Baker, is required by all students unless a medical issue has been documented by a physician and presented to our nurses' office. (See p. 28 of the district plan .) Students are required to provide their own masks; however, disposable masks will be on hand for any student who forgets one.
Are all the adults in the building wearing masks?	Yes--see above.
Will there be mask breaks?	Yes, teachers will work mask breaks into instructional time. These mask breaks will occur, when possible, outside, and a 6 ft distance will be maintained. As stated earlier, large outdoor tents have been ordered to allow us to use the outdoors as much as possible.
What if my child needs to use the restroom?	Students will be allowed to use our restrooms one at a time. Identification on the floors will show students how to stand in line if necessary and socially distance. Administrators and other adults will be in the hallways to supervise all student movement in the hallways.
How often will my child be moving from class to class?	We have tried to minimize movement in the building by shifting from seven periods a day to four. We have adopted a block schedule in order to do this. We will now offer eight periods over the course of two days. Whenever possible, we will have teachers moving to classrooms to meet students as opposed to having students in the hallways moving to classes.
How will the classrooms be kept sanitary and safe?	As stated in the district plan, an adequate supply of PPE has been ordered by the district to keep classrooms clean and sanitized. Every day and afternoon, custodial staff will frequently be cleaning classrooms. Additionally, other staff members will be cleaning classrooms as well as items most often touched by students, including bathrooms. (See pp. 30-31 of the district plan .)

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<p>When does my child receive his/her schedule?</p>	<p>FBMS Leadership and Guidance Team are still working on student schedules, and as soon as they are finalized, we will post them to Aspen. We will communicate with our families as soon as we have a better idea of the timeline.</p>
<p>When does my child find out his/her cluster assignment?</p>	<p>FBMS Leadership and Guidance Team are still working on student schedules and cluster assignments and as soon as they are finalized, we will post them to Aspen. We will communicate more information as soon as we have a better idea of the timeline.</p>
<p>What happens if someone appears sick at school?</p>	<p>Anyone feeling ill will report to the nurses' office. Once there, each school has a designated supervised medical waiting room that is separate and managed by the nurse in the event someone exhibits COVID symptoms. This allows the nurse to immediately move the student or staff member out of the general population and begin the protocol for such a COVID scenario in school. Please see this document from the district plan regarding the specific protocol for this scenario.</p>
<p>Will my child have a daily health screening at school?</p>	<p>During the pandemic, parents are requested to complete a daily home screening before their child leaves for school. We are asking staff to do the same and requesting that if symptoms of illness are present, that the individual not come to school that day and instead contact their Primary Care Physician (PCP). (See a list of symptoms and more information on pp. 31-33 of the district plan.)</p> <p>We will not have a formal daily screening for students. That being said, all students have access to our nurses' office during the day, per usual, and anyone who presents as symptomatic while at school will report there.</p>
<p>Will parents within the same class or cohort be notified if a student/staff member is diagnosed with Covid-19?</p>	<p>Yes, while maintaining the individual's confidentiality. Notification of any infectious disease, including COVID, is done in accordance with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Division of Epidemiology</p>

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	<p>recommendations and guidance. Please carefully read this document regarding what occurs when someone tests positive for COVID. This document is one of several detailing specific protocols from the district plan regarding the actions we will take (see all the links at the bottom of p. 33).</p>
<p>What happens if someone in close contact with my child tests positive for COVID?</p>	<p>In school settings, close contacts include other students and staff who were within 6 feet of the student or staff for at least 15 minutes in a classroom, in other school spaces, on the bus, or at an extracurricular activity. Identified close contacts should be tested but must self-quarantine for 14 days after the last exposure to the person who tested positive, regardless of test result. If an individual tests positive for COVID-19, then self-isolation is for a minimum of 10 days and until at least 24 hours have passed with no fever and improvement in other symptoms as noted. (See pp. 31-33 of the district plan, "Response Protocols for COVID 19 Exposure and Infection.") We follow state guidelines and will continue to update and adjust this information as it becomes available.</p>
<p>What safety standards will be followed for classes such as chorus, band, and physical education?</p>	<p>We will be following the safety guidelines within this document from DESE (Department of Elementary and Secondary Education).</p>

For additional information, please refer to the following documents:

[Marshfield Reopening Plan, Superintendent Granatino](#)

[Fall Remote Learning Guidance, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education](#)

[Guidance for Courses Requiring Additional Safety, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education](#)

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