

## **Brookline School Committee Statement on Learning for Absent Students in COVID-19 Protocols**

The Brookline School Committee acknowledges the vital importance of maintaining health and safety protocols during the COVID-19 pandemic. These protocols include encouraging any of our students experiencing potential symptoms of COVID-19 to not attend school (pending COVID-19 viral test results), and temporarily quarantining outside of school any students who may have been exposed to a person testing positive for COVID-19. Although the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) no longer allows public school districts to offer remote learning as a primary option, the School Committee is committed to offering any students absent due to medically-documented COVID-19 concerns or quarantine protocols the ability to access learning remotely via Zoom, or other technological platforms such as Learning Management Systems (PreK-2: Seesaw; 3-5: Google Classroom; Grades 6-12: CANVAS) that will allow educators to share assignments, materials and provide a platform for streamlined communication between educators, students and families), to the greatest extent possible and pedagogically practicable. The School Committee further expects that students will be marked present, if this is consistent with Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) attendance regulations. The School Committee appreciates the ongoing efforts of our staff, administrators, educators, parents, guardians, and volunteers to keep our students connected.