

Date: August 18, 2020

Subject: RESPONSE REQUIRED: PSB Reopening Form and Contact Verification

Dear PSB Parents and Guardians,

Every summer, the Public Schools of Brookline (PSB) asks families to verify their contact information for their enrolled K-12 student(s). To ensure that we have the most up to date information for our students, you must certify your email addresses, phone numbers, student permissions, and other data and information consents.

**This year's verification includes a new and important question that each parent/guardian must complete.** In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, PSB will reopen the 2020-21 school year on Wednesday, September 16. The majority of our K-12 students will begin the year remotely with different grade levels gradually phased in to in-person services. For more information on the PSB Reopening Plan, visit [www.brookline.k12.ma.us/reopen](http://www.brookline.k12.ma.us/reopen).

As a PSB parent/guardian(s) you will be asked to enroll your K-12 student(s) in **one of the following learning model options** for the first semester of the 2020/21 school year:

Option 1: Remote Only	Option 2: School-Based Learning
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Students in grades K-12 will enroll in the PSB Remote Learning Academy and <u>complete all schooling remotely</u> from September 16, 2020 through December 31, 2020</li><li>• Parent/guardian(s) should select this option if they <u>do NOT want their child returning to the school buildings under any circumstances.</u></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Students in grades 1-12 will begin the 2020-21 school year remotely and gradually receive in-person services once it is deemed safe to do so.</li><li>• The district's most vulnerable students in grades K-12 are expected to begin the year fully in-person. PSB will identify students as most vulnerable in collaboration with department leaders, school leaders, school staff, and families.</li><li>• Kindergarten students are also expected to begin the 2020-21 school year completely in-person.</li><li>• Parent/guardian(s) should select this option if they are comfortable with their student(s) returning to the school building for in-person learning either full-time or in hybrid once ventilation targets are met.</li></ul>

**Please complete one form for each K-12 student enrolled PSB.** To submit your decision, please login to the [Aspen Parent Portal](#) and access the [contact verification section](#). Directions are attached to this email below and posted on our website, [www.brookline.k12.ma.us/parentportal](http://www.brookline.k12.ma.us/parentportal). The learning model option will be the first question of the Contact Verification form, as seen below.

In addition to your learning model decision, please review the remainder of the form to update any contact information for yourself and/or emergency contacts. Do not close the form until you select "Finish".

**We ask all families to make their Learning Model enrollment decisions by Monday, August 24.**

If you need assistance in completing this form, please reach out to your school principal (returning students) or the Office of Registration and Enrollment (new students). Thank you for your attention to this matter and we look forward to the start of a new school year.

Sincerely,

The Public Schools of Brookline

For questions on how to log into the Aspen Parent Portal: [datateam@psbma.org](mailto:datateam@psbma.org)

For questions on the Remote Learning Academy: [PSB Office of Teaching and Learning](#)

For questions on the PSB Reopening Plan: [www.brookline.k12.ma.us/reopen](http://www.brookline.k12.ma.us/reopen)

### Learning Model Choice

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, PSB is offering families two options for the start of school. Please indicate your choice for your child's model of instruction by selecting the appropriate box below. Families are asked to commit to this model through December 31, 2020.

- Option 1: District Remote Learning Academy: Remote only option. Select this option if you do NOT want your child returning to the school building at all this fall.
- Option 2: School based instruction: Kindergarten in person option; Grades 1-12 Remote to Hybrid in person option. Select this option if you are comfortable with your child returning to the school building for in-person learning either full time or in hybrid as ventilation targets have been met.