

December 31, 2020

Dear New Haven Public Schools Community,

I hope this note finds you healthy, safe and enjoying the remaining days of our holiday break.

I wanted to share with you some exciting news regarding our schools. In close consultation with the City of New Haven Department of Public Health, we are preparing for a limited return of students to a hybrid learning model beginning Tuesday, January 19, 2021.

The groups that will be returning to in-person instruction include:

- All students in Pre-K through 5th Grade;
- Specialized special education classroom
- Students participating in the New Arrivals program at Fair Haven and Barnard Schools

Unfortunately, I also need to share that two schools will not reopen as part of this plan, West Rock and Quinnipiac. Based on the analysis of the ventilation system, the City's Department of Public Health and the City's building inspector determined that these schools cannot be opened for in-person instruction.

Although no decision has been made yet regarding the return of students in other grades across the system, we will continue to work closely with the New Haven Department of Public Health to determine when the health data supports a return to the classroom by other age groups.

Much work has been done to prepare for the safe return of students and staff, and we're genuinely excited to have them back in our schools on January 19, 2021.

Wishing you all the best for 2021!

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Superintendent of Schools