

# Hampstead School District

*"Educating all students to high standards"*

August 6, 2020

Hello Hampstead School District Families and Staff,

In the past couple of weeks we have made a great deal of progress with our **Safe Learning Task Force** and Tuesday night, presented our recommendation to the School Board. Throughout all of the conversations with community, staff, and committee members, one of the major takeaways was Hampstead's desire to keep our students and staff safe.

The board voted to accept the task force plan and we will enter the 2020-2021 school year in Phase 1 - Virtual Learning. We will continue to monitor and evaluate the situation, with further recommendations no later than the week of October 12th. The task force's next step is to have a detailed plan to families by **August 18th**. If you were unable to attend Tuesday's board meeting, you can view the PowerPoint here: [Safe Learning Task Force Recommendation](#)

In addition to adopting the task force recommendation to begin in Phase 1 - Virtual Learning, the school board voted that the start date for students will be September 14th. Staff will begin at the original date at the end of August and will use the time prior to children starting to engage in professional development in order to support virtual teaching and learning.

As we prepare for this venture into Virtual Learning, we are certain that our fantastic staff will be hitting the ground running as they prepare for this new and dynamic shift in teaching and learning. Please reach out to your building principals if you have any needs, questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Caitlin Parnell - School Board Chair  
Dr. Earl Metzler - Executive Consultant  
Michael Flynn - Executive Director  
Hampstead Administrative Team