

# PORT WASHINGTON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

## *Re-Opening 2020-2021 School Year – A Pathway to Success*

The Port Washington Union Free School District is committed to providing students with an exceptional education, the preparation needed to succeed in a rapidly changing world and opportunities to learn and grow in a safe, secure student-centered environment. The District promotes mutual respect, open and honest communication, ethical behavior and personal responsibility. Extending beyond the walls of our school buildings, the District encourages and promotes a love of life-long learning and social-emotional health within our community.

### **Goal of the Re-Opening Plan**

The COVID-19 pandemic challenged all school districts to adapt and adjust educational and operational strategies and activities over the past three and a half months. Given the uncertainty of circumstances when schools are scheduled to open for the 2020-2021 school year in September, the District has taken a proactive approach in developing plans that will account for all contingencies, as well as being flexible enough to adapt to changes as they may occur. The work and plans identified in this document will be dependent upon guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the New York State Department of Health, NYS Education Department and other agencies.

The overall objective of the final Re-Opening Plan to be adopted by the Board of Education is to provide a comprehensive direction to all District stakeholders on how to best re-open our schools that provides for the health, safety and wellness of students, staff, and all who visit or do business in our schools, and to ensure the on-going delivery of a quality education to students at all grade levels.

### **GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR RE-OPENING**

- Maintaining student, staff and community health and safety at all times in our school buildings and on all school property
- Promoting continuity and excellence of instruction and education
- Ensuring access and equity for all students
- Ensuring the emotional and social well-being of all students
- Meeting the needs of all students and families
- Providing regular communication with all stakeholders, including families, staff, and community
- Creating plans that remain within the limits of our community-approved 2020-2021 operating budget

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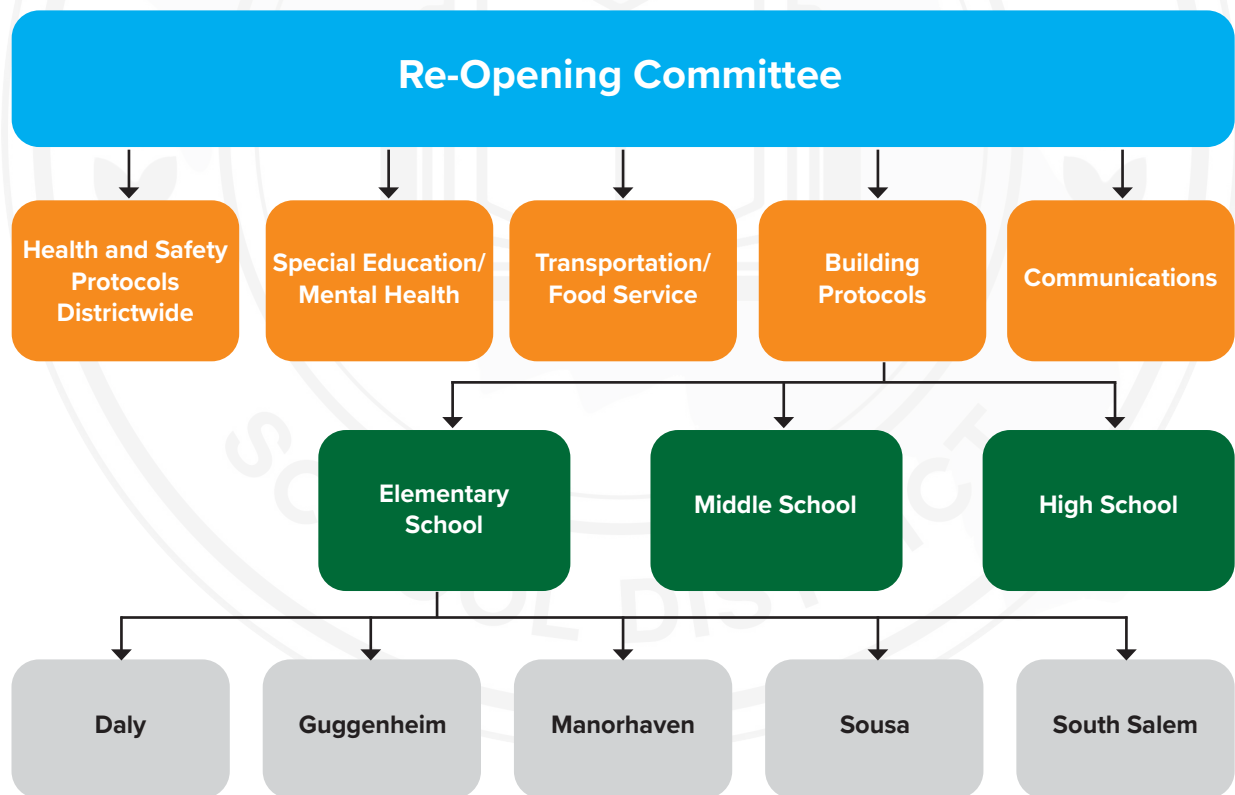
### RE-OPENING AND INSTRUCTIONAL COMMITTEES

This document outlines the process put in place to develop the District's re-opening plans. Two steering committees have been formed – the Re-Opening Steering Committee and the Instructional Steering Committee. The goal of the Re-Opening Steering Committee is to develop an overall plan for opening District schools with a focus on two scenarios:

- full-time student attendance
- part-time student attendance

The Re-Opening Steering Committee will work through the following subcommittees:

- Health and Safety Protocols Districtwide
- Special Education and Mental Health
- Transportation and Food Service
- Individual Building Protocols
- Communications



**Orange** - Administrator, Teacher, Board Trustee, Parent, Law enforcement, Facilities, Transportation, Medical professional

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**Gray** - Administrator, Teacher, Parent

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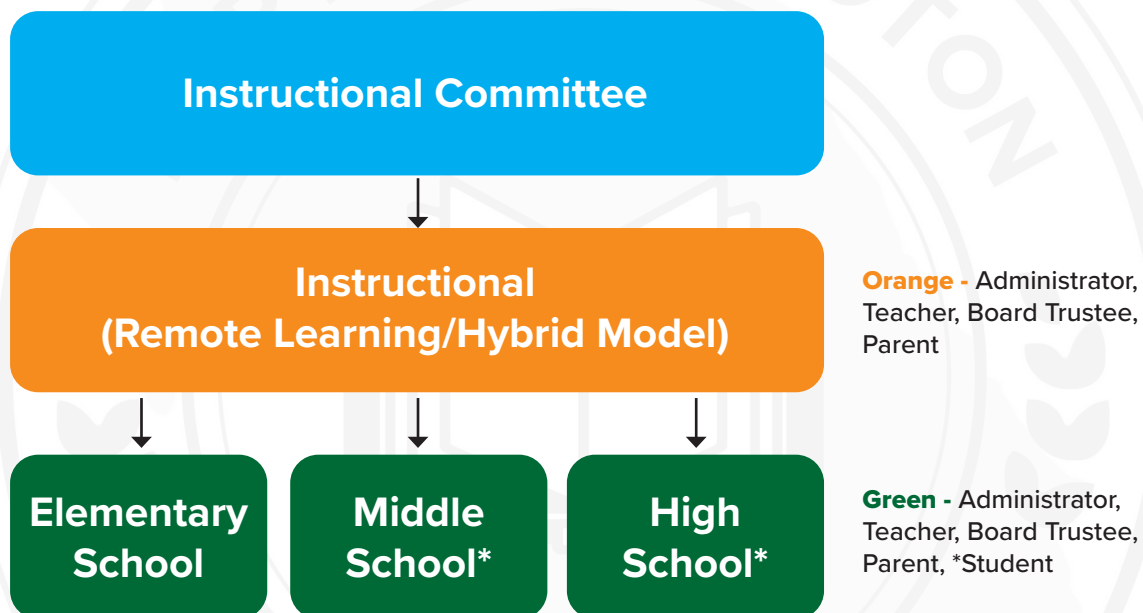
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The Instructional Steering Committee's mandate is to develop plans for two scenarios:

- a hybrid of in-school and remote learning
- all remote learning

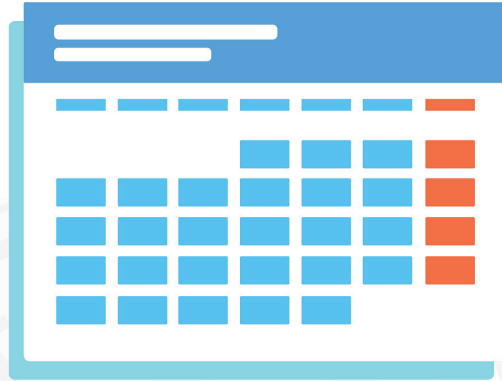
The Instructional Steering Committee will work through the following subcommittees:

- Elementary level instruction
- Middle School level instruction
- High School level instruction



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## TIMELINE & CALENDAR

- a) Initial *Re-Opening Committee* meeting: June 8, 2020
- b) Sub-Committee reports provided to Dr. Shields each Monday
- c) Re-Opening Committee meetings weekly each Tuesday
- d) Re-Opening Committee to provide regular updates to the Board of Education
- e) Sub-committee progress updates to be provided to the community weekly through Dr. Hynes' chat phone calls and posted on the District's website.
- f) Draft Re-Opening Plan: July 20, 2020
- g) Final Re-Opening Plan: July 27, 2020
- h) Dissemination to stakeholders: August 6, 2020