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Dear Staff, Parents, and Caregivers,

As promised I have spent many hours reflecting on our status in the school community related to a return to school. After much discussion with our local health experts, a review of staffing needs and the potential for ongoing quarantining, as well as current COVID trends in the community, Newtown Public Schools will remain on remote learning through December 23<sup>rd</sup> (2-1/2 weeks). **ALL K-12 students will return to our Hybrid Model on January 4<sup>th</sup>**, following the winter break and holiday season.

Our goal is to reassess the week of January 4, 2021 with the target of bringing K-6 students back to full in-person learning as quickly as is possible, followed by 7-12 students when that is feasible. We wanted you to have advanced notice so that you can plan for these days as a family.

We know this is not easy for anyone, but our decision is based on current conditions and the impact on our schools. Please know that schools continue to be safe, and we will work hard to get all students back into classrooms following the holiday.

Thank you,

Dr. Lorrie Rodrigue, Superintendent