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	If the kids start with Remote Learning, could they finish this way if by the time the year is over if there is still no vaccine?	This is a temporary remote track, which means that the hope is that once numbers are good, all students will return to school full time.
	Will orchestra be able to meet outside like PE?	Orchestra, Band, and Chorus will have sectional classes indoors. Although we will not start the year with music outside, it may be possible in the future.
	Will I be given a plan from the special education department as to how my daughter will meet her IEP goals before school?	Your's child's case manager can provide this information when school begins.
	How early can children be dropped off? Are the children able to bike to school/home?	Students should not be dropped off until after 7:10 AM. Staff are not on duty until after that time. Students travel to school by family ride or bus.
	If teachers are migrating from class to class, who will be monitoring students that are staying in their cohort?	Staff are assigned duties to assist in classrooms.
	How will attendance work? If you are in person do you call the attendance line? Or everyone notifies?	Call the attendance line whether in-person or if your child is unable to work at home for the day.
	Is the blacktop being used for lunch - are tents and tables available?	At this time in a hybrid model, there is plenty of room to socially distance students in the cafeteria in all lunch waves. There will be opportunities for students to go outside on blacktop after eating lunch.
	How do I know if my child with an IEP is going to school 2 days or 4 days?	Our school already sent an email to parents for students attending in-person 4 days a week. Students chosen meet the criteria established by state SPED guidelines.
	What is the cut off in the alphabet for going to in school learning?	Correspondence was sent out last week via email. Mondays and Tuesdays: Cohort A: last names A-Lo. Thursdays and Friday: Cohort B: last names Lu-Z.
	Some districts have scheduled return to full day plans. Does New Milford?	Our administration has developed a program that allows us to move fluidly between hybrid to full in-person or to remote based on infection rate numbers.
	How will you handle students who need to take meds at lunch?	Our nurses create care plans for students who take meds. Students will go to the nurse prior to lunch or at their designated time, usually when students are not in the hallways. Contact our nurses for more info.
	If my kids have desktops but no webcam or microphone will I have to put in for a chrome book for the live classroom portion to work properly?	Yes. A chromebook will be provided to students who need one.

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	Is there a learning plan in place for students that choose to stay at home?	Google Classroom not only stores the work and lesson for students remotely at home, but also is consistent with the lesson in class. Students at home will also have opportunities to view the teacher's lesson for their class at designated times.
	How are the students going to be seated on the bus?	Students will sit apart from each other for social distancing. All students and the driver will wear masks.
	Will teachers be conducting synchronized lessons on Google classroom or Zoom for the kids attending class remotely?	Yes. Remote learners will have access to some synchronous learning which will take the form of small group instruction or access to the teacher teaching the lesson. Online synchronous instruction may take place at different times each week in each core content area.
	What is expectations for seating during lunch?	Students will be sitting at tables in the cafeteria that have partitions. In the past, 8-10 students fit at a table. We will seat 3-4 students at each table this semester.
	How many students per classroom?	In a hybrid model, class size will average between 8-10 students seated 6 ft. apart.
	How will you maintain the children being 6 feet apart?	Staff direction, modeling, reteaching, lessons from counselors, signage. We also will have markings on the floor in the cafeteria for students in line for lunch.
	Will parents be required to purchase certain supplies for classes? Are there supplies that will be needed for UAs such as art for remote learners?	Supplies are provided by the school district. With students using chromebooks this year, that will cut down on the supplies greatly.
	What accommodations are being made for students with 504s that struggle with remote learning? Will the students who have 504 plans still have all academic accommodations in place even in a cohort?	Students in the remote learning track will continue to receive accommodations. Students will have access to their Case Manager for support. The 504 team will tailor specific accommodations based on a case by case basis.
	Will the grading system be Pass/Fail?	No. Students will be grading using our traditional grading system found in our handbook. Inquire with teachers regarding individual courses.
	How do you plan on incorporating movement time for these students, that is unstructured, so they may decompress?	We have built time into the schedule for mindful moments, which allow students to decompress. During this time there are built in mask breaks and stretch breaks. Some classes will periodically have class outside.

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What supervisions will be in place for students entering and exiting building or in between classes for social distancing regulations?	Our students will be entering the school in 4 different entrances. See the visual of each entrance in the SMS reopening plan. There will be staff on bus duty and parent drop off spread out to monitor and assist.
If we opt to drive our child to school, will the bus still come to our house? Can we opt to take the bus in an “as needed” basis?	Buses will continue to make all scheduled stops on the route. If a student wants to ride the bus periodically, but normally is driven, that is acceptable.
How will lunch room air be kept clean & ventilated allowing for safe mask removal?	<p>Please tune into Facilities Discussion on Wednesday, August 26 from 6PM—8PM</p> <p>DISTRICT WIDE DISCUSSION</p> <p>Health, Food Services, Transportation, and Facilities</p> <p>Join Zoom Meeting</p> <p>https://zoom.us/j/96172420731?</p> <p>pwd=SGFDd2xUSnVqNGN5NFA0bCtRM0Zpdz09</p> <p>Meeting ID: 961 7242 0731</p> <p>Passcode: 540889</p> <p>Dial by your location</p> <p>+1 929 205 6099 US (New York) SCHEDULE OF DISCUSSION</p> <p>6:00-6:30 Health</p> <p>6:30-7:00 Food Services</p> <p>7:00-7:30 Transportation</p> <p>7:30-8:00 Facilities</p>
What ventilation adjustments have been made?	<p>Please tune into Facilities Discussion on Wednesday, August 26 from 6PM—8PM</p> <p>DISTRICT WIDE DISCUSSION</p> <p>Health, Food Services, Transportation, and Facilities</p> <p>Join Zoom Meeting</p> <p>https://zoom.us/j/96172420731?</p> <p>pwd=SGFDd2xUSnVqNGN5NFA0bCtRM0Zpdz09</p> <p>Meeting ID: 961 7242 0731</p> <p>Passcode: 540889</p> <p>Dial by your location</p> <p>+1 929 205 6099 US (New York) SCHEDULE OF DISCUSSION</p> <p>6:00-6:30 Health</p> <p>6:30-7:00 Food Services</p> <p>7:00-7:30 Transportation</p> <p>7:30-8:00 Facilities</p>

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	How will mask breaks be managed to avoid students in a closed room all removing masks at the same time? Can mask breaks happen outside?	Mask breaks will be facilitated by the teacher to ensure that masks are only lowered to the chin when a break is given. Yes, mask breaks can occur outside as long as 6 feet is maintained.
	Unfortunately I cannot attend the Zoom meeting. Will the meeting be taped?	Yes. Each NMPS Zoom meeting will be recorded and posted to the district webpage.
	What is the plan for band students? I have an 8th grader who plays a wind instrument.	Band students will transition to the band room at their designated time for their sectional class only. This is a very small class and not the large group. At this time, the full band will not be meeting to start the year and any concerts will not be held. More information to follow regarding playing instruments.
	Will Fall athletics take place?	At this time, all interscholastic sports and clubs/activities are on pause. We hope to provide this opportunity as soon as we receive guidance regarding when it is safe to do so.
	For the remote distance learning, will classes be live with video attendance required or pre recorded lessons with assignments attached?	There will be live video at the time the class meets during designated times during the week for content area subjects mixed with asynchronous instruction. Some unified arts classes are remote only and will utilize pre-recorded resources by the teacher.
	Will there be opportunities for 6th grade students to leave their classroom for outdoor breaks or similar? Will there be an increased effort on SEL and community building activities?	At times, teachers may take a cohort outside for class. We have added an advisory period in the morning before 1st period. This will serve as our SEL focus, implementing the Choose Love curriculum, as well as other lessons provided by our school counseling staff.
	Do all classrooms have Air-conditioning? How is ventilation within the classrooms being addressed?	Not all classrooms have air conditioning. Our facilities department has addressed ventilation in all rooms at SMS. I have a plan to move a cohort(s) to another classroom/learning space if the temperature presents an issue this fall.
	When are Chromebooks going to be distributed?	We do not know at this time. Our goal is to get every student a chromebook who needs one as soon as possible.
	Will binders, folders etc be needed or will they go paperless with no hand outs?	Although Google Classroom stores student work and teacher feedback, thus allowing us to be paperless, there may be times a paper (ie: worksheet) is given to students. Teachers will advise.

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	Does SMS have MERV 13 air filters in its ventilation system?	<p>Please tune into Facilities Discussion on Wednesday, August 26 from 6PM—8PM DISTRICT WIDE DISCUSSION Health, Food Services, Transportation, and Facilities Join Zoom Meeting https://zoom.us/j/96172420731?pwd=SGFDd2xUSnVqNGN5NFA0bCtRM0Zpdz09 Meeting ID: 961 7242 0731 Passcode: 540889 Dial by your location +1 929 205 6099 US (New York) SCHEDULE OF DISCUSSION 6:00-6:30 Health 6:30-7:00 Food Services 7:00-7:30 Transportation 7:30-8:00 Facilities</p>
	The email letter sent out on Monday listed the class start time as 7:25. Is this correct? Previous years class started at 7:35	<p>Since students will go straight to their cohort/homeroom class and not to a locker, we adjusted the time. Teachers begin at 7:25 AM and that is the time that buses unload students.</p>
	Besides masks on bus, will there be social distancing as well? And if so, who is enforcing the masks rule on the bus?	<p>Students will be distanced on buses to the greatest extent possible. Masks are to remain prior to boarding bus and the entire bus ride. Bus drivers will communicate with bus duty staff and/or administration regarding students who are not following the rule.</p>
	Will students be leaving their core classroom for special ed support, learning lab, counseling services, etc?	<p>Yes. For specialized services, students will leave their cohort.</p>
	What if my child takes a higher level math course and we decide to do distance learning, how will it affect her taking that class?	<p>All courses offered in school will also be offered by the teacher in the remote environment.</p>
	How are students doing distance learning take the MAP testing?	<p>When we get to a point to conduct standardized testing, we will utilize other larger spaces if needed to distance students. In a hybrid model, we are in good shape in classrooms.</p>

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	How will Band be addressed for remote students?	Students who take Band in the remote environment will follow Google Classroom for work for the class. The teacher will direct the student regarding expectations. Even though unified arts courses like band are not scheduled for Google Meets, there can be times when the teachers meets students online to assess students and provide feedback.
	If a student chooses remote learning, are they able to attend to the after school programs such Jazz Club, Robotics, Game Design, etc?	Yes. Activities and sports are on hold at this time, but when opened, remote learners will have the opprortunity if they choose.
	Will teachers receive cleaning products? Will desks be cleaned during the day?	Please tune into Facilities Discussion on Wednesday, August 26 from 6PM—8PM DISTRICT WIDE DISCUSSION Health, Food Services, Transportation, and Facilities Join Zoom Meeting https://zoom.us/j/96172420731?pwd=SGFDd2xUSnVqNGN5NFA0bCtRM0Zpdz09 Meeting ID: 961 7242 0731 Passcode: 540889 Dial by your location +1 929 205 6099 US (New York) SCHEDULE OF DISCUSSION 6:00-6:30 Health 6:30-7:00 Food Services 7:00-7:30 Transportation 7:30-8:00 Facilities
	Will remote students be able to meet their teachers before school starts? How will students get to “meet” their teachers for the first time that are completely remote learning?	Team leaders are organizing a time to hold a Google Meet for students to see their teachers. TBA
	How can you protect everyone if some people will be medically exempt from wearing masks?	The district is providing extra layers of PPE for teachers. Students will be expected to follow mask wearing guidelines. Teachers should create assigned seating within the classroom to establish a comfort among students.
	Why are students allowed to have gym indoors when the no mask worn will endanger staff and students?	PE is scheduled to take place outdoors on most days.
	Will the live instruction be recorded if my student should have questions while doing the lessons on remote days?	The live instruction will not be recorded. Students' attendance is taken by their presence in real-time. If students have questions, they should see the teacher(s) during their office hours.

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	We have chosen the remote learning only. How the teachers will connect with student and how frequent.	As depicted per district parent guidance document, core area teachers will provide live instruction for remote learners followed by asynchronous learning on google classroom. This will happen daily.
	How are you addressing the fact that there are more Monday holidays so these cohort students will get less in person hands on?	The number of instructional days whether in person or remote will be monitored and reviewed at the end of each quarter.
	When will students get schedules with teacher assignments?	Schedules will be sent to student from all schools by September 4.
	Will remote students be able to ask questions while the class is happening?	At this time, we are unable to do so but looking into how this can be done in the future. Students are encouraged to email teachers and/or join google meets with teachers at scheduled times.
	How are bathroom breaks being handled?	Students will be given permission to use bathroom by teacher as needed. We are confident that they will conduct themselves in safe and respectable manner.
	Will remote students be placed into cohorts with other remote students or included in cohorts with hybrid students?	Class rosters will include both remote and in-person students.
	Will student be pulled out for different level math class and TAG program?	Students are already grouped by math. In some instances advanced math students will travel out of cohorts. In terms of TAG, services will be delivered remotely for SMS students. The TAG teacher is shared between two buildings and her home base is SNIS.
	How will Orchestra work this year since it is a graded class?	Orchestra classes will meet as sectional groups. Assessments will occur based on in class interactions. At this time, full orchestra will not meet but will be revisiting this with more guidance from the state.
	What if the car lines are so long that some children are late? Will they be penalized? How and where will they line up for parent pick up at the end of the day?	Our superintendent is working collaboratively with the police chief to create safe traffic flow. Students will not be penalized. We have built in time within our schedule so they will not miss any instructional time. Students will line up on the island for parent pick up. Staff will assist with dismissal.
	How will new 6th graders find their room?	Staff will be available inside and outside to direct students to the 6th grade hallway.

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	If a child in the school has symptoms, will we be notified and will all the kids in that cohort have to quarantine? Will they be distance learning for those 14 days?	At this time, our protocol for students with symptoms is that the child will be dismissed outside by school nurse. Only the parent of that child will be notified. If there is a COVID case, the superintendent will be notified and consult with DPH. Further information at the Thursday night meeting w/ nurses.
	Will the remote students be on the same call all day since the class is in the same classroom all day?	Synchronous core instruction will be provided for a portion of each lesson.
	Will all work be done on computers?	A majority of the work will be done on the computers. However we expect teachers to use their professional judgement and provide opportunities that will. meet the needs of their diverse learners.
	What are the determining factors or metrics for closing or fully re-opening schools? Where will these be reported?	See district reopening documents. This is a superintendent decision.
	What happens if a teacher gets sick, will you have substitutes or go virtual.	Staff that are out ill will have a substitute teacher in the building.
	How is lunch being handled - waiting in line, food offerings, sitting, going to lunch, going back from lunch	We have reduced lunch lines to 2 to provide more space. Decals will be on the ground reminding students to keep social distancing. Refer to the Food Service section at the end of this document as well.
	If a remote learner has chosen chorus for music, will there be a virtual class for chorus?	Chorus will be offered both in person and remotely.
	For students of working families, will synchronous lessons be available to view at other times? For example, if a student has to go to accompany a working parent to their job and cannot log into their synchronous lessons for the day, will they receive credit if the lesson is viewed later in the day?	Synchronous will not be recorded. Student attendance is taken at the beginning of each session. If you child misses, we encourage he/she to email their teacher to see what was missed. Also, checking Google Classroom should be checked daily too.
	Will teachers be provided with masks or do they need to provide their own?	All staff will have a mask, whether it is self provided or from the school.
	Will teachers be scaling back on the amount of homework given?	Teachers will use discretion to support students as they ease into their core area/curriculum. If it is found that more support is needed, please contact your child's teacher.
	Will we have the chance to redo 504s to be appropriate for hybrid/remote learning?	After teachers, students, and parents establish a relationship and needs are assessed, if you feel further support is needed, consult with your child's teacher and Case Manager.

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	<p>-Students will not need to know their pin number. The barcode on their ID card will be read by a scanner. Lanyards holding the ID cards are on order and we should have them for the first day of school.</p>
	<p>-The menu options are as follows: Breakfast will be cereal, muffins, bagels, yogurt, string cheese or or breakfast pizza with milk, fruit and juice. Lunch options will be a choice of two hot meals. Cold options include the deli bar, chef salad or chicken Caesar salad and a yogurt parfait. All lunches come with fruit, vegetables and milk.</p>
	<p>-We will have spot markers on the floor for social distancing while waiting in line</p>
	<p>-This year the free and reduced breakfast and lunch applications will not be going home to parents as in previous years in the welcome back packet. They are going to be available through MySchoolApps. This is new for New Milford. I know it may have not been the best time to start it but the whole process began last winter before COVID. There will be a letter going home to families about MySchoolApps through school messenger and there will also be something in the district newsletter.</p>
	<p>-Meals for remote learners will be available for pick up at SNIS on Wednesdays. So Cohort A can pick up breakfast and lunch meals for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Cohort B can pick up meals for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Students who are 5 day remote learners can pick up meals for 5 days. A letter will go home about this as well. The time for pick up at SNIS will be announced at a later time.</p>
	<p>-Prices for the pick up meals are the same as the in school meal prices: free students no charge, reduced students .30 for breakfast / .40 for lunch and paid students 1.75 breakfast / 2.60 lunch.</p>
	<p>-Food service will be part of the district zoom meeting Q & A on Wednesday 8/26 from 6 - 6:30 pm.</p>