



May 4, 2021

Dear MeANS Community,

We are excited to announce that we are returning to in-person instruction for grades 9-12 starting Quarter 4, May 18th. This has been a long time coming and we are beyond thrilled to have all our students back in the school building four days per week. Advisors will provide additional information during upcoming weekly calls.

With the recent increases in vaccinations and reduction in COVID cases, we feel confident that we can accommodate our students safely. It will be incredibly important that we adhere to the 6 State Requirements found here: <https://www.maine.gov/doe/framework/part-1/#6r> I would emphasize the need for self-screening and being proactive about potential exposures. As a school, we will increase our sanitizing efforts, daily cleaning, and emphasis on outdoor learning experiences. Additionally, we will be coordinating the school day to reduce group sizes at school meetings and lunch in the cafeteria. Our Collaborative Planning Team, tasked with designing our re-opening plan in September, will be meeting to create a comprehensive plan.

COVID has presented us with many challenges, and we are relieved to be increasing our in-person instruction. Teachers, staff, and administrators have worked incredibly hard during the past year to adhere to protocols and keep our students engaged. This is a welcomed announcement for all of us.

Sincerely,

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