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Re: Reopening Pawtucket Public Schools

The Pawtucket School Committee voted for an in-person return of students in PreKindergarten, Kindergarten, specialized classes including multilingual learners at the entering and emerging levels. I understand that this was not an easy decision nor one that was taken lightly. The presentation of the most up-to-date data for the district indicates that there is an approximate 55%/45% split of in-person versus distance learning, respectively. After a presentation of the data and my recommendation of a return, the School Committee had a thorough discussion and ultimately held to the fact that a return of above noted student groups while grades 1- 12 remain on distance learning. This provides the most consistent method of educational delivery at this heightened time of the pandemic. As Superintendent of Schools, I am now charged with bringing back the designated groups and also ensuring that we continue a high quality standards based distance learning program, enhancing our support for all students, particularly those on distance learning and exploring opportunities for remote learning centers for families who are in most need of supervision for their child/children. I want to assure our students, families, staff, and community that we will not only get through this time, but we will overcome, as we continue to work together.

Respectfully Submitted:
January 13, 2021

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dr. Cheryl McWilliams". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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