

Notification from: **Mamaroneck Union Free School District**

Dear Parents,

Over the past 48 hours since I communicated with you last, our administrators in cooperation with the Mamaroneck Teachers Association have worked hard to be able to offer families the choice between either a hybrid learning model of instruction or a fully-remote model for student learning this fall. Our reopening focus has been on planning for the safe operation of our schools and maintaining a robust learning environment for all students, whether students are learning in-person or remotely.

To effectively plan for a safe school environment and begin the immediate process of assigning all staff and students to learning “pods” (small learning communities of approximately a dozen children who learn together in school and/or remotely at home), **it is critical that families make a formal commitment to the learning format you wish to choose for each child (hybrid model, full remote option, or homeschooling) by Friday, August 21st.** Each choice is a commitment through November 24, 2020, which marks the end of the first quarter. While we recognize this is a difficult decision with many unknowns, families abiding by good-faith agreements will enable us to keep each other safe.

To inform your decision, please refer to the information below about hybrid and full remote formats and/or participate in your child’s [school-specific meeting](#) scheduled for next week. It is important to point out, for parents who may not have been aware, that the remote learning piece conducted at the secondary level -- for Hommocks and Mamaroneck High School -- mirrors the in-person schedule; students who are learning remotely will receive the same instruction as student participating in-person, but they will be joining by webcam.

We are grateful for the input we have received from parents throughout the entire summer and are thrilled that we will be able to offer families the choice of a hybrid or fully-remote learning model so you may make the very best decision for your own family. Thank you in advance for your timely response, and we look forward to seeing all of your children back in the classroom, either virtually or in-person, in just a few weeks.

Warm Regards,

Dr. Robert I. Shaps
Superintendent of Schools

[Formal Commitment Form](#)

[Informational Overview of Learning Formats](#)