



Hello Groton–Dunstable Families. This week Mrs. DeFrancisco will vlog an update about where we are and what the next few weeks will look like. [School Update & VLOGS from Mrs. D](#)

[Your Health and Safety](#)
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DID YOU KNOW?

Several GDRSD educators, district administrators, school committee members, parents and community members recently completed training with **SEED (Seeking Educational Equity and Diversity)**. SEED equips participants to connect their lives to one another and to society at large by acknowledging systems of power, oppression, and privilege. We are grateful to the parents and community members who helped to organize these seminars and for the facilitators who led them. We plan to integrate the goals, resources and lessons learned from these seminars into our own work around equity and diversity in GDRSD.

AND.....

We are planning some creative outdoor spaces to be used by students and staff? Thanks to GDEF's funding, the Outdoor Hardscape Play and Instructional Zones Grant will provide

many new, engaging spaces for our students. Led by Alison Sancinito, educator teams at Flo–Ro and Swallow Union recently started plans for placement and design of these zones. Areas will include opportunities for yoga, movement and partner play. There will also be outdoor instructional spaces for circle activities and breaks. All of these zones will provide safety and structure while also allowing students to move and feel connected. Thank you to our many educator leaders who met with Alison over the summer to plan for this grant. We couldn't have done it without you! Stay tuned for pictures and updates! Interested in volunteering to help? Communication will be coming from building based teams sometime next week regarding volunteer opportunities related to this grant.

MOVING FROM PLANNING TO IMPLEMENTATION

SCHOOL REOPENING GUIDELINES:

As mentioned previously, we are working on a reopening guidelines that will be distributed to families by school and before school begins. Learn a little bit about what that will look like.

Health and Safety Section: This section will be the same at every level. All schools will have this section and it will explain things like:

- What sanitizing stations will look like
- Protocols for students or staffs with symptoms
- Overall safety and health guidelines from the state and BOH.

School Logistic Section: This will be where schools include the following:

- Arrival and Dismissal Time
- Drop off and Pick Up Procedures
- Bathroom Procedures
- What Mask Breaks Look Like
- What Recess Looks Like
- What Lunch Looks Like
- A Sample Day in the Life of a Student
- What Hallway Movement Looks Like
-and even more.

VLOG ARCHIVE:

- [GROWTH MINDSET](#)
- [Flipping Your Lid](#)
- [Behavior Has A Reason](#)

Mrs. DeFrancisco VLOGS:

Thank you for your positive response to Behavior Has A Reason! I have moved that vlog to the archive list. So many commented on the Paper Plate Activity that I am including [Five Things To Do With Your Family](#) for this week. Again, this is one I did for THE DOCTOR WEIGHS IN Youtube Channel. I have been vlogging on education for their site since March. I partnered with them as I enjoy the content on the site. There is a full list at [The Doctor Weighs In](#) under Educational VLOGS and Webinars.

You may hear me reference Gibbs or Sixth Grade, but all of these activities are great for getting ready to shift out of summer mode and back into being a bit engaged with thinking and connecting with one another. I think this is so important as we start to get our children ready for the fall and re-entry into a schedule as well as communicating with one another. In [Five Things To Do With Your Family](#) you will hear suggestions around how bringing your family together with fun tasks can get them back into learning and also have an answer to “What are we going to do all the way until September 16th?” Please let me know what you think!

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