September 8, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians:

On September 2nd, the New York State Department of Health released new guidelines for schools for the 2021-22 school year along with a determination on COVID-19 testing for all school district employees. Using these guidelines as well as the CDC’s guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools, the District has made revisions to our reopening plan for the 2021-22 school year.

Below is an updated summary of our plan. Our goal has been to create a plan that reestablishes normal pre-covid operations, gets all of our students back in school full-time, and safeguards the health of our students and staff.

Fall 2021 Opening Plan

- All PreK-12 students will attend in-person learning 5 days a week on a regular schedule.
- Masks are required for all individuals (faculty, staff, and students) while inside school buildings and on school buses regardless of vaccination status.
  - Masks may be removed for eating.
  - Masks may be removed for mask breaks provided by the classroom teacher.
- Masks are not required outdoors.
- Students requesting fully remote instruction will need a note from their doctor indicating that they cannot return to in-person instruction due to a medical condition. Remote instruction will be asynchronous utilizing an online provider.
- All school district employees will be required to take a COVID test weekly. Fully vaccinated employees may opt out of the testing requirement by providing proof of vaccination. The Oswego County Health Department will coordinate implementation of this testing requirement.

We remain committed to doing all we can to provide for the students and families of our school district. Please do not hesitate to contact my office or your child’s school with questions.

Sincerely,

Tom Jennings, Superintendent