August 12, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We were informed last week that reopening guidance will not be provided by the Governor’s Office or the New York State Health Department as promised. Instead, schools should refer to the CDC, local health departments, and local medical professionals for guidance. We have spent this week working with our local partners and based on recommendations from our medical director and the Oswego County Health Department, the District has developed plans for the fall that are in alignment with the CDC’s guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools.

Below is a summary of our plan. Our goal was 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. Please understand that our plans may need to be adjusted as circumstances and official guidance changes.

**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 and visitors to our schools will be required to have their temperature taken prior to entering.
- 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.

We are fully aware that no plan will achieve all we hope for under the circumstances, but 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.

Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Sincerely,

Tom Jennings, Superintendent