

CENTRAL SQUARE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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October 6, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I, along with every staff member in our District, understand that our current situation is not ideal; we would all love to return to what we used to know as our normal. While we are complying with the restrictions/regulations in the Governor's/NYS Education Department's Reopening Guidance Document, <u>https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tpgGpSu_CYsEv020Pu_uyq50xrbW6xWX/view?usp=sharing</u>, we completely acknowledge that distance learning is not remotely the same as the traditional in-person experience that we are all accustomed to. Please understand that just like our students and families, our staff is navigating unchartered territory and adapting to a new way of providing instruction and feedback to the students in our District. We continue to ask for your consideration and patience as our teachers and support staff have been tasked with providing instruction in a manner that was completely foreign to the majority of educators in our Country prior to this national pandemic.

At the same time, please know that if you have concerns about your child's progress in class, we are here to respond to your concerns. We do ask, though, that you please follow the same protocol as you would during normal circumstances.

- 1. Contact the teacher and/or school counselor by email or telephone to discuss the issue and please allow 24-48 hours for a response, if not an emergency.
- 2. If the issue is not resolved in that time period, please contact the building principal.
- 3. If you believe the issue is not resolved after speaking with the building principal, you may reach out to my office.

If and when the Governor/NYS Health Department/NYSED lessens their restrictions, most significantly the six feet of separation required when having students in each classroom, our District will be able to bring back our students and return to our standard operating procedure prior to March 13, 2020.

Sincerely,

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