



Mr. Thomas J. Colabufo
Superintendent

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

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NYS school districts were informed last week that individual school districts were authorized to implement their own reopening plans, and our District chose to utilize a data based system and let the actual transmission rates in our area dictate our response as we navigate through the 2021-2022 school year, seen here, [CSSD Masking Guidelines](#). We recognize and agree with healthcare professionals that the COVID-19 pandemic was, and will continue to be, a very fluid situation, and as a District, we will monitor the current transmission rates (Low, Moderate, Substantial, High) based on a 7 day rolling average of new COVID-19 cases per 100,000 people per county and utilize the masking guidance (seen in the link above) accordingly. Since Brewerton Elementary is located in Onondaga County, the Brewerton students and staff members will follow the transmission rate category that Onondaga County is experiencing at that time. The remaining five schools in our District are located in Oswego County and will follow the transmission rate category that Oswego County is experiencing at that time.

We are excited to announce that our PreK-12th grade students will be returning to school for five days of in-person learning each week. In order to offer in-person learning five days a week, we must return to full capacity on our school buses so **we must require masking of all students and staff on school buses**, unless a student cannot medically tolerate it, and we will make accommodations. All students will have their temperature taken while boarding the school bus or as they enter school if they are dropped off by an adult. **Only students with a signed physician statement indicating that they cannot return to in-person learning due to a documented, pre-existing medical condition or have an immediate family member living in their household that has a documented, pre-existing medical condition will qualify for remote instruction.** Please contact Erin Phillips at our District Office at ephillips@cssdapps.org to learn more about the remote option for students (or immediate family members in the same household) with a pre-existing medical condition and documentation from their physician requiring a remote option. **Unfortunately, we must have a deadline of Friday, August 20 at 4 PM** because BOCES had to set a deadline to see how many fully remote teachers and support staff they would have to employ to meet the needs of all Oswego County School Districts.

The local health departments have informed us that we must still adhere to the [NYSDOH Toolkit](#), which is the in-person decision making flowchart schools must use. Currently, **there are no travel restrictions** so please disregard that from the Toolkit, and when we receive an updated Toolkit from the Health Department, we will provide you with that. Here are the newly **revised quarantine guidelines** (from Aug. 9, 2021) for all [Oswego County Schools](#), and (from Feb. 6, 2021) for all [Onondaga County Schools](#).

In the coming weeks, we will provide parents/guardians with more information regarding the start of the school year to make this as smooth of a transition for our students as possible. The intent of this letter was to illustrate how we will be consistently monitoring the data to make our decisions, as seen in the "CSSD Masking Guidelines" link in the opening paragraph. We will continue to be transparent in how we disseminate updates to parents/guardians in a timely manner, as well as our established practice of reporting new COVID-19 cases on a daily basis in all of our schools to parents/guardians.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Colabufo
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