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Dear Skaneateles family,

Included is the Skaneateles Central Schools comprehensive return to school plan. On behalf of the faculty, administration, and Board of Education we would like to express our sincere appreciation for the level of feedback we received throughout this process including thoughtful emails, letters, phone calls, surveys, meetings with community members and task force meetings.

Beliefs

Concern for the health and safety of our students, faculty, staff, and families was at the heart of our decision making throughout this process. We believe that in-person instruction will always be superior to remote-only learning experiences. We were so encouraged by the results of our family survey which mirrored our beliefs that in-person instruction should be prioritized. We also recognize the need to provide additional support for our youngest students and those with unique learning needs.

Challenges

All public school districts in New York State are required to follow the exhaustive guidance set forth in the document included here: [NYSED reopening schools guidance](#). Social distancing guidelines create challenges with physical space restrictions, transportation, personnel, supervision and most importantly instruction. Our plan is based on current available data and is subject to change as our circumstances shift throughout the year. For example, regional infection rates, shifts in attendance, State guidance and executive orders from the Governor could force us to adapt our plan throughout the year. While we cannot predict any of this with any degree of certainty, we will be prepared for inevitable school closures and interruption to in-person instruction throughout the year. School will certainly look different this year, from masks and social distancing, to reduced class sizes and limited opportunities due to health and safety restrictions. Despite all of these challenges we maintain our commitment to provide the highest quality educational experience possible for Skaneateles students.

The Plan

All students in grades K-7 will be provided in-person instruction every day. Students in grades 8-12 will be assigned to one of two groups: *Blue Team* or *Gold Team*. Each team will receive 2 days of in-person instruction and 3 days of remote instruction. The District is prepared to offer remote learning opportunities to all students who elect for that option and if/when circumstances mandate a school-wide closure. For our students with disabilities and English Language Learners, additional in-person instructional opportunities will be offered.

Additional information will be communicated throughout the summer.

Sincerely,

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