

Skaneateles Central School District

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Dear Skaneateles family,

After weeks in remote learning we are so pleased to once again open our doors for in person instruction on Tuesday, January 19, 2021. Upon return our model will be consistent with the experience prior to our move to remote instruction in December with a few important distinctions:

- Grades K-7 will remain in school full-time as we have done from the beginning.
- Grades 8-12 will continue with the Blue and Gold model with the Blue team attending Mondays and Tuesdays and the Gold team attending Thursdays and Fridays.
- Important distinction for grades 8-12, in an effort to increase student-teacher connections and preserve consistency of instruction, all students in grades 8-12 will follow their daily schedule five days a week and will connect with classes remotely while not present in school. Classes will be live via Zoom five days per week including Wednesdays where all students in grades 8-12 will be engaged in remote learning.
- We will be watching local rates of infection closely to determine when it is possible to expand our inperson learning opportunities.

While we are so pleased to see vaccinations beginning throughout the region, we receive reports of new infections in our school community on a daily basis. Our continued vigilance is critical as we see this through together. Regardless of vaccination status it is important to note that the rules have not changed with regard to social distancing, mask wearing, and the criteria used for placing individuals into quarantine or isolation. I will continue to share information as restrictions are lifted and rules change throughout New York State.

On behalf of our faculty, staff, administration, and Board of Education, we want to thank our school community for your willingness to test and for your commitment to keeping our community safe. We conducted over 1000 COVID-19 tests on campus in the month of December alone. We have additional testing available on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at our district offices. Please use the link here to register <u>Test Registration</u> We look forward to seeing you on the 20th at our District offices, 45 East Elizabeth St, Skaneateles NY, 13152.

Thank you for your continued collaboration and for your patience and understanding as we see this through together as one Skaneateles family.

Stronger together,

Eric Knuth Superintendent of Schools