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Dear Skaneateles family,

Recently we learned from the County Executive and the Onondaga County Health Department that social distance guidelines in Onondaga County schools were being amended to reduce the distance required from 6 feet to 3 feet for students. <http://www.ongov.net/health/documents/SchoolPolicy.pdf>

For schools throughout our county, this creates the opportunity to welcome many more students back for in-person instruction but there are several obstacles that remain before this plan becomes a reality.

Currently, we offer in person instruction for all Skaneateles students in grades K-7 and for our entire senior class. Additional days have recently been added in grade 8. While we remain excited for the prospect of bringing back our remaining students in grades 9-11, we continue to be limited by ongoing regulations:

- In regard to transportation, we are limited to a 22 student capacity on our 66 passenger busses. Until those regulations are amended, we cannot transport all of our students back to school.
- Barriers will be required in classrooms and are to be provided by the county. We have not yet received these barriers.
- There are also still guidelines in place that impact our ability to provide instruction in music, the performing arts, and physical education that will also need to be amended.

We are confident that remaining obstacles will be removed in the coming days and weeks and I look forward to seeing all of our students back in school full-time, where they belong. We will notify the community the moment these plans become a reality to assist you in making the appropriate decision for your family.

We have all endured so much this year and I want to thank our entire school community for your continued partnership, patience, and cooperation.

Stronger together,

Eric Knuth
Superintendent of Schools