



# ONEIDA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## DISTRICT OFFICE

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September 1, 2020

Dear Families,

On behalf of the Oneida City School District, we hope you and your families are finding time to enjoy the last days of summer and are remaining safe. Guidance continues to be provided by state agencies and we recognize that this raises questions about potential impacts on students, families and our full community. We are committed to communicating information as it becomes available. Our reopening plan can be found at:

[https://oneidacsd.org/c o v i d-19/reopening\\_plan- o c s d](https://oneidacsd.org/c o v i d-19/reopening_plan- o c s d)

### **First day of instruction**

**The first day for students will now be Thursday, September 10, 2020.** The March and June staff development days will now become student instructional days.

### **Special Education and ESL**

Initially, we had hoped that prioritized populations could attend school in person 5 days a week. We worked diligently to make this happen but we were unable to make the necessary adjustments with the master schedule. As a result, special populations will attend school ***in person for 4 days- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.***

### **Athletics**

We are expected to receive guidance from NYSPHSAA on Friday 9/4 regarding athletics and are waiting for information from Section 3. As soon as we have the guidance, the district will need to begin planning. We ask that you remain patient as we wade through the guidance that is provided.

### **Stay home if sick**

We are urging all of our families to have their children stay home if they are sick. If you keep them home, please contact your child's teacher or counselor to arrange for work to be provided for students who are absent.

### **Communication and feedback**

There have been some new informational items placed on our website to give further details about our plan. We have added information sheets about the remote learning and technology. They can be found at:

[https://oneidacsd.org/c o v i d-19/reopening\\_information\\_sheets](https://oneidacsd.org/c o v i d-19/reopening_information_sheets)

### **Thank you**

Thank you to our parents, families and community for helping our students and teachers be more prepared for the start of the school year. In the past several months our community has come together to support and help each other in tremendous ways! Our schools are proud to be part of this community! It is this partnership and teamwork that makes Oneida such a wonderful community.

Oneida City School District remains committed to open and transparent communications to support our students during this time. Our priority is the safety and education of all of our students. As always, thank you for your patience, understanding and flexibility.

Sincerely,

Mary-Margaret Zehr  
Superintendent