

From: [Office of The Superintendent via ParentSquare](#)
To: [Brown, Connor](#)
Subject: Return to School 8.19.2021
Date: Thursday, August 19, 2021 11:52:53 AM

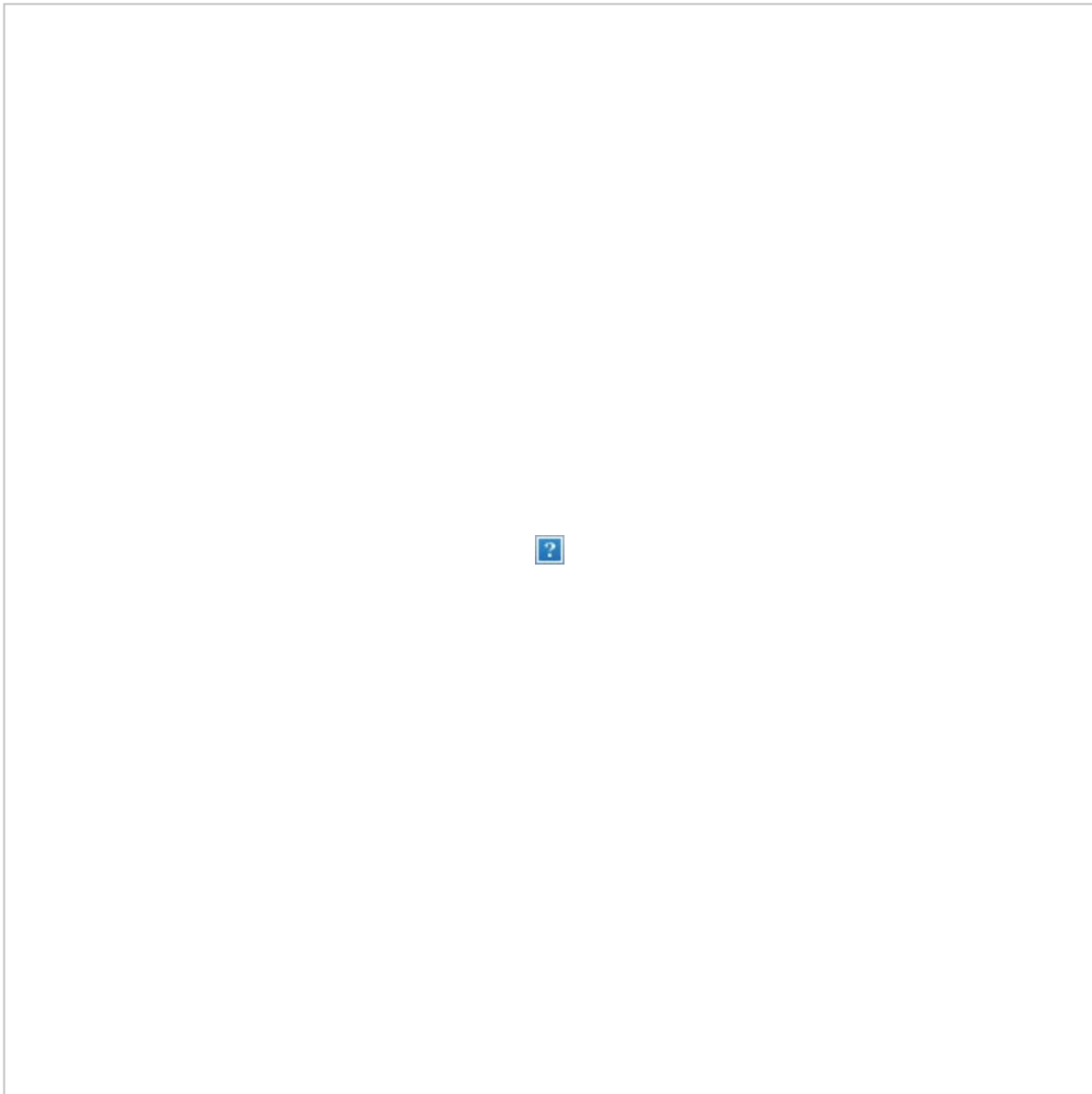
CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. DO NOT open attachments or click links from unknown senders or unexpected email.



Skaneateles CSD

Office of The Superintendent posted in Skaneateles CSD

Return to School 8.19.2021



August 19, 2021

Dear Skaneateles family,

We are so excited to welcome all Skaneateles students back to full-time, in-person instruction on September 7, 2021. As the start of the school year approaches, we know how anxious our school community is for some clarity on what the coming year will look like. Throughout the summer months, all plans and decisions for our return to school were developed following two core principles:

- *The health and safety of everyone in our school community is our top priority.*
- *We must protect our ability to provide full time in-person instruction for every Skaneateles student.*

Health and safety

In making decisions for a safe return for all Skaneateles students, the following sources were considered by our entire leadership team and Board of Education.

<i>-Centers for Disease Control</i>	<u>Guidance for Prevention in K-12 Schools</u>
<i>-New York State Education Department</i>	<u>Health and Safety Guide for the 2021-2022 School Year</u>
<i>-American Academy of Pediatrics</i>	<u>COVID-19 Guidance for Safe Schools</u>
<i>-The Onondaga County Health Department</i>	<u>Guidance for K-12 School Reopening</u>
<i>-Upstate Medical University (Local Experts)</i>	<u>Upstate Medical School Masking</u>
<i>-Direct feedback from district residents</i>	

Our plan Includes:

- The social-emotional well-being of our students continues to be a priority with increased personnel, services, and supports deployed K-12.
- Universal masking while indoors for all students, faculty, and staff regardless of vaccination status. Masks are required at all times while traveling on school busses. Masks are not required while outdoors. Universal masking will help limit Onondaga and Cayuga County Health Department quarantine orders and assist in our efforts to keep schools open for full time in-person instruction.
- Social distance rules have been relaxed from 6 feet to 3 feet this year. Given inconsistent quarantine rules between Onondaga and Cayuga County, 6 feet of distance is encouraged where possible.
- Use of outdoor spaces is encouraged district wide (weather permitting) for instruction, recreation, lunches, PE, mask breaks etc.
- Per order of the Onondaga County Executive, all school personnel must be vaccinated or submit to weekly COVID-19 testing. [Onondaga County Executive Order](#)
- Temperature screenings upon entering buildings will no longer be required.

The Skaneateles Central School District will continue to partner with state and county health organizations to facilitate vaccinations and testing for interested community members.

- Due to high transmission rates, we urge you to stay home and keep your children home whenever feeling unwell or symptomatic. Return to school protocols will be provided when more specific information is available.
- We will continue to work with Cayuga and Onondaga County Health departments to facilitate contact tracing but any orders of quarantine are made only by those organizations.

**All plans are subject to continuous review and are likely to change frequently throughout the year.*

**Advocacy efforts continue in Albany which could produce a state wide mandate prior to the opening of school.*

In-Person Learning

The events of last year reinforced what we already knew, that ***Relationships, Connections, and Learning*** are inextricably linked. We are so proud of the heroic efforts of our entire faculty, staff, and administration last year. While we remain prepared to shift to remote instruction if necessary, we know that instruction is best done in person. There can be no substitute for the *relationships and connections* formed in school.

Our plan includes:

- A full restoration of our instructional support staff and services K-12.
- Additional personnel and resources directed to address gaps in learning including:
 - Credit recovery (9-12)
 - Ongoing Summer programming
 - Enrichment
 - Academic support
 - Ongoing professional development
- There will be no fully remote learning options available in the coming school year.
- In the event of quarantine orders due to COVID-19 exposure, the students impacted will have access to a variety of learning and instructional opportunities designed in consultation with teachers, principals and families.

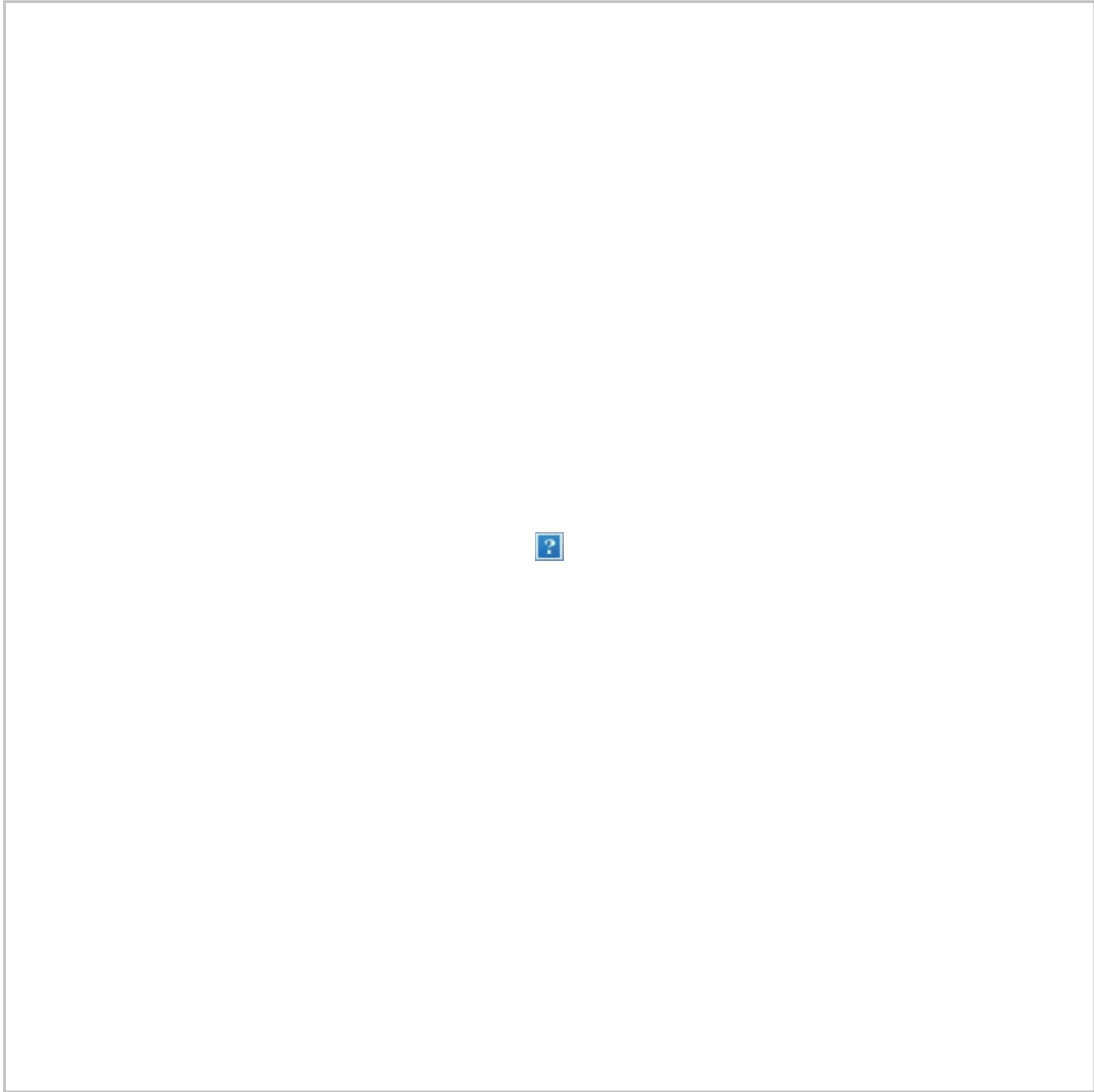
On behalf of our entire faculty, staff, administration, and Board of Education, thank you for your continued vigilance, your concern and compassion for fellow community members, and your patience and understanding as we work to provide as much normalcy as possible for your children in the coming year.

Welcome back!

Sincerely,



Eric Knuth
Superintendent of Schools



[View in ParentSquare](#)

Appreciate

Please do not reply to this email.

Stay involved with your child's learning and activities at school.

Download on the App Store



Get it on Google Play



You received this email because you are a ParentSquare user in Skaneateles CSD. If you received this email in error or wish to disable your account, [click here to unsubscribe](#).

ParentSquare Inc · 3905 State St, Suite 7502 · Santa Barbara, CA 93105