

Skaneateles Central School District

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Dear Skaneateles family,

Recent guidance from the CDC and the Onondaga County Department of Health has created additional opportunities to expand access to in-person learning at Skaneateles Central Schools.

I am so pleased to share that <u>all</u> of our remaining students in grades 8-11 will be welcomed back to school five days per week on April 5, 2021.

This is the moment that so many of us have been looking forward to since our first day of school in September and despite obstacles that still exist, we are very grateful for the continued partnership and cooperation of our community.

- Transportation remains a concern in that space is limited to 22 passengers on each our 66 passenger busses.
 Thank you in advance to all of our parents and families willing to transport your children to and from school each day. You have created the necessary space required to get everyone back to school.
- For those in our school community uncomfortable with a return to in-person learning, remote instruction will remain available for the remainder of this school year.
- COVID-19 testing remains a priority. We have approached each decision this year using the data available to us. Weekly testing at our district office has revealed a stark turnaround in the number of infections present in our community. We have conducted well over 1000 tests this year already without a single positive case reported. It is critical that the number of people testing each week remains constant as this service, provided by Onondaga County, is dependent on participation. In the last two weeks the number of individuals tested fell from over 300 to 117. Please continue to take advantage of our free testing program and help us protect this service for our community.

Special thanks to our faculty, staff, administration, and Board of Education for all of the many hours of work and tireless effort that made this possible for the children of our community. On behalf of all of us, welcome back!

Stronger together,

Eric Knuth

Superintendent of Schools