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Dear Skaneateles family,

I hope this letter finds you healthy, rested, and enjoying a well-deserved break from the events of the past school year. As we prepare for the coming school year, we are continuously monitoring ever-changing guidance from the CDC and the New York State Department of Health. The health and safety of our school community will always be our primary focus. While we share in your frustration and desire for a clear picture of what the coming school year will look like for students at Skaneateles CSD, yesterday evening we received some initial guidance from NYSED found here: [Guidance on School Opening 2021-22 \(nysed.gov\)](https://www.nysed.gov/guidance-on-school-opening-2021-22).

While this document leaves many questions still unanswered in terms of masks, testing, social distancing, and other COVID-19 protocols, we are encouraged by the focus and importance placed on in-person instruction and the call for coordination and consistency at both the State and County level. As additional questions are answered, we will continue to immediately communicate this information to the entire Skaneateles school community. While we understand and respect the many viewpoints surrounding COVID-19, we will comply with the law and the rules and regulations set forth by the New York State Department of Health and the New York State Department of Education.

Please take some time to review the information provided above which also contains links to the Center for Disease Control and the American Academy of Pediatrics. We expect more clarity on guidance in the coming weeks as we all prepare for the coming 2021-2022 school year. Thank you all for your ongoing support and understanding as we continue to navigate this pandemic together as one Skaneateles family.

Stronger together,

Eric Knuth  
Superintendent of Schools