



April 11, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Late Friday evening, the New York State Health Department released updated guidance for schools regarding physical distancing, a full three weeks after the Centers for Disease Control released their update. This is welcome news, enabling our district to offer more in-person days of instruction per week. The district is now reviewing the state guidance to determine any needed updates in the district plan and any adjustments we will need to make in order to offer more in-person days of instruction during the ongoing pandemic. Our initial review shows that the primary changes include a recommendation of three feet of physical distancing in classrooms, in line with the CDC guidelines, and six feet of distancing for music and physical education instruction.

The other major piece in the state guidance is required stakeholder feedback prior to expanding in-person instruction. The district will be sending more information on our plan, and we will ask for feedback to meet this portion of the state requirements early in the coming week. Please look for this information and complete it as soon as possible.

At this time, we hope to implement the plan April 19, barring no additional requirements placed upon districts.

Thank you for your assistance, patience, and your help advocating to the state so that we can increase in-person instruction days this school year.

Sincerely,

Dr. Thomas J. Douglas
Superintendent of Schools