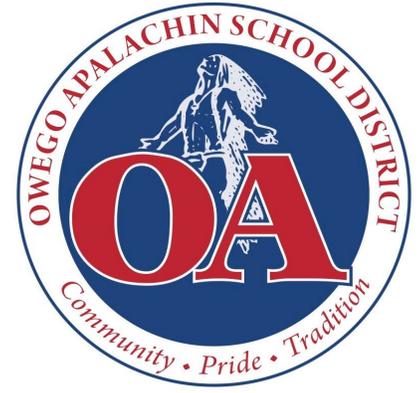


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Dear OA School Community,

As you may be aware, Governor Cuomo, the New York State Education Department, and the New York State Department of Health, released guidelines this week for the reopening of school buildings. Districts in New York State will be required to submit reopening plans by July 31st. Prior to the release of these guidelines, OA Administrators, Staff and Stakeholders have formed committees and have begun to work on these plans, which will include analyzing various classroom and scheduling options to fit into the guidelines. Some of the priority items that will be addressed include Health & Safety, Facilities & Space, Nutrition, Transportation, Social-Emotional Well-Being for Staff, students and families, School Schedules, Attendance, Technology & Connectivity, Teaching and Learning, and Special Education. We will be building a comprehensive plan that will encompass all of these areas, among others. The district will prioritize in-person learning as much as possible, as well as build a comprehensive virtual learning plan and schedule. We know it is imperative that we share our plans with families as soon as we possibly can, however we ask for your patience and understanding as we allow our committees to fully understand the guidance we've received and develop the best possible plan for the Owego Apalachin Central School District, students, staff and families.

We have created a [page on our website](#) dedicated to reopening our school buildings. All communications sent will also be available to view, by date, on this page of the website.

Communication with parents and the community will be critical as we move into the start of the new school year. The district will use the following platforms to communicate directly with parents/guardians:

- SchoolMessenger Phone Calls, Text Messages and Emails
- OA District App (Download for free from your App store)
- Physical Mailings to home addresses
- Social Media when applicable
- OA Website ([www.oacsd.org](http://www.oacsd.org))

If you are not receiving emails from 'Owego Apalachin CSD', please contact your student's school office to make sure your email address is updated in our Student Management System. [Click here to visit](#) the communications page on our website to view all of the potential ways to receive communications from the district.

As we continue to build our reopening plans, we appreciate your input, thoughts and concerns that were shared within last week's ThoughtExchange on Health & Safety. We had 481 participants sharing 593 thoughts and over 20,000 ratings on those thoughts. The feedback was very valuable to our planning. [Click here to view the results of that exchange](#). Today we are launching a second exchange and welcome your thoughts here as well. This exchange is focusing on Academics, specifically grading and rigor during virtual learning. This is a very important piece to consider as we move into the 2020-2021 School Year with adjusted expectations. To participate in this exchange, [click here](#).

Again, many people are working to build a plan with the Health & Safety of our students and staff as the number one priority. As always, thank you for your patience, understanding and support.

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All My Best,



Corey Green