



July 28, 2020

Dear SV Families:

As you know, all schools in New York State will be given opening instructions by August 7 from Governor Cuomo's office. In the meantime, our opening plans have been posted on the district website. Within the next week, every household will be asked to respond to a survey as to which method you would prefer for your student. Further explanation of these models are as follows:

1. In-person Learning (instruction at school location)
2. Hybrid Learning (combination of online and in-person learning)
3. Remote Learning (online learning)

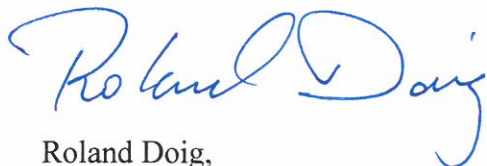
Currently, the only way to have in-person learning and to maintain the required social distancing is by implementing a hybrid instruction model as follows:

- Students in Pre-K, BK, Kindergarten, and first through sixth grades will attend school every day under the following configuration:
  - Students in Pre-K through third grades would attend classes in their originally scheduled elementary building (8:50 a.m. – 3:05 p.m.)
  - Students in grades four through six would attend classes at the RTS Middle School with their elementary and middle school teachers (7:40 a.m. – 2:22 p.m.)
- Students in grades seven through twelve would attend classes at the Senior High School on a every other day basis (7:40 a.m. – 2:22 p.m.)
  - When these students are not attending class in person, they would attend class through virtual instruction.
  - Teachers will be providing synchronized instruction to those attending in-class and joining virtually online. This allows for students to receive instruction from their teacher every day.
  - All students in grades seven through twelve will follow a period-by-period schedule. This will assist in allowing students to follow the teachers' scheduled classes online.
  - All classes will be recorded and archived to view at a later date if needed.
- Regardless of the instruction model, all instruction will be conducted with the teacher teaching from the school location. This allows for greater accessibility to technology for both in-person and remote instruction. This method will occur unless otherwise directed by the State.
- For those students attending BOCES programs, further information will be forthcoming once BOCES programs have finalized plans.

SV Families  
Page 2  
July 28, 2020

In the weeks and days to come, we will be providing more detailed information as it is received from the State Education Department and Governor's office. Please understand that we are as frustrated as any parent. Furthermore, whatever direction the district takes, we will not be able to please every parent and it places us in a "no win" situation to please everyone. Therefore, we have done our best to provide as many scenarios for instruction as possible. We all are looking forward to the day when all students are back in our buildings 100 percent of the time. Our top priority continues to be the safety of all students, faculty, staff and community. Please continue to check the district website regularly as the information is posted as known.

Sincerely,



Roland Doig,  
Superintendent of Schools

RD:kam