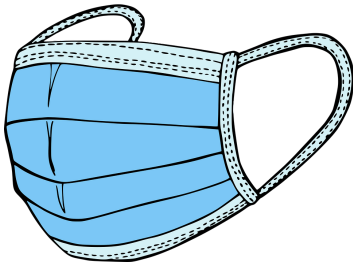


Scott M. Ellis Elementary School

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January 6, 2021

Dear Families,

Welcome to 2021! Even in a time of much uncertainty, I hope that this new year brings everyone health, time to create wonderful memories, and much joy!

As many families already know, Mrs. Warga (our school nurse), has retired from Scott M. Ellis after more than 25 years of caring service. Our new school nurse, Mrs. Hoyt, (photo above) comes to Ellis with wonderful training and experience. We are excited to welcome her to our school community.

As the Covid infection rates continue to rise in Albany and Greene Counties our District may be asked to begin covid testing students and staff members. Covid testing, which is an important part of community based planning, is only completed with parental consent. Thank you to families who have completed the "consent for covid testing" survey. At this time, our District has received 310 responses; less than half of our elementary families have responded. The survey allows families to indicate if they consent to testing, decline consent, or would like additional information before deciding. If you have not had time to complete the survey, please do so by following the link to the [consent for covid testing survey](#).

Covid testing is completed with a nasal swab (not a long nasal stick), and results are available in less than one half hour. [An informational video of covid testing can be found at this link](#). If parents would like to be present while their child is tested, arrangements can be made via the health office. Additional questions about on campus covid testing can be answered by our school nurses; please feel welcome to contact the health office at 518.966.5070 ext. 320.

Sincerely,
Peter Mahan
Elementary Principal