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Dear Tonawanda City School District Students, Staff and Families:

I wish you a Happy New Year and start to 2021. We continue to move forward to best support our students, staff, and families as we navigate the continuing challenges of public education during a global pandemic. However, we continue our resolve and unwavering commitment to our profession which is to best serve ALL of our students to the best of our abilities in a safe, developmentally appropriate, and caring manner which is based on data, science, and research.

As we approach the mid-year point of the academic calendar at the end of January, we will offer another opportunity for current Remote Warrior families to commit to this program for the remainder of the school year. These programs are not interchangeable. Our staffing, curriculum scope and sequence, and other sensitive factors are necessary to plan and implement for the successful and optimal delivery of instruction in these different instructional models. The district will share more information on this topic early next week.

Yesterday we completed our first round of required random COVID-19 rapid testing for January. We had an incredibly successful day in administering our plan, procedures, and testing protocols. This process was safe, efficient, and effective.

We tested 160 people and returned ZERO positive case.

Our next round of random testing for this month will begin on **Thursday, January 21, 2021**, as per the requirements in the new NYSDOH guidance. Your willingness to consent and participate in this testing process supports our efforts to continue to offer an in-person hybrid instructional model.

Soon we will be conducting the random selection for February. Each month we are required to randomly select and test 20% of each building's population, as per the Orange Zone designation requirements from the Governor's Micro Cluster Strategy. People may be selected to be tested more than once in this random selection of the population each month.

If you are selected to be tested in the future, please consider consenting to this simple procedure.

Thank you for your continued support and patience with our district. Please continue to take necessary precautions and continue with recommended healthy actions to prevent the potential spread of COVID-19 in your homes and in our schools. Go Warriors!

Sincerely,

Timothy A. Oldenburg, Ed.D.
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