

## TONAWANDA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Tonawanda City School District Students and Families:

Please be reminded that we will be transitioning <u>all hybrid elementary students in grades K-5</u> to a five day a week schedule beginning on <u>Monday, April 26, 2021</u>. This will include transportation, food service, special services, and other expected components of a traditional school week.

The hybrid model in the elementary schools will be discontinued. The Remote Warrior program will continue in a fully remote format for the remainder of the year.

Students in the secondary building (Middle/High School) will continue participating in the hybrid or Remote Warrior instructional model until further notice.

We are excited to expand our instructional program in the elementary buildings. Our hope is that further updates to the NYSDOH guidance will provide for more flexibilities and opportunities for all of our students to return to a traditional school attendance instructional model.

Parents/Guardians of elementary students that are returning to school in the traditional five day per week model should be reminded:

- Students should bring a fully charged Chromebook to school each day. These Chromebooks will be sent home each day with our students.
- Students need to be wearing a mask over their nose and mouth at all times. This includes
  on the bus, entering the school, walking in hallways, and in classrooms, offices, and
  instructional spaces.
- Students should have an extra mask with them in case the mask becomes damaged, soiled, or unusable.
- Students will take their masks off while eating. Students must remain six feet apart during these times.
- Mask breaks will be offered and coordinated by our staff while maintaining a safe environment.

- For those students eligible for district transportation, bus routes and timing may be slightly delayed as we begin returning to full routing. Please be prepared at your bus stop on time but understand that short delays may occur during the first week/days.
  - If you are willing to provide your own transportation in place of taking the bus to reduce student density, please call Donna Hill, Transportation Supervisor, at 694-7681
- <u>For Remote Warrior students</u>, beginning on Monday, April 26, 2021, all meals for Remote Warriors will be distributed at a single district location every school day until the end of the school year. This location will be at the High School door #3 from 10:30am to 12:00pm.
- Please contact your building principal if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your trust, support, and partnership with our proud district. This is an exciting time to begin returning students to school in a traditional format. We are committed to providing and maintaining a safe and healthy environment for our entire school community. Go Warriors!

Sincerely,

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