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Dear WACS Families:

I am writing as a follow-up to the updated guidance shared by the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) in response to the guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). As you may recall, the guidance addressed physical distancing and the possible movement from 6' to 3' with a few stipulations.

Physical Distancing at the Elementary School

At this time, our district is currently conducting in-person learning, five days per week, at the elementary school. A movement to 3' physical distancing is not necessary at this time. We will continue with our current model.

Physical Distancing at the Secondary School

As per the NYSDOH guidance, the current infection rate in Chautauqua County does not permit the reduction in physical distancing from 6' to 3' at the secondary school.

Face Masks

The guidance document also included masking requirements that align with the current recommendations of the CDC. As per the guidance, students and employees will be wearing their masks throughout the day. WACS currently has masks requirements in place. The document requires schools to consider "developmental appropriateness, feasibility and ability to implement policy in a safe, consistent manner." We are requiring students and employees to wear their face masks throughout the day, while considering the factors noted above.

While there are no significant instructional shifts for WACS, we encourage you to contact us with any questions. I can be reached at 326-2151.

Sincerely,

Michael Cipolla

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