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Dear Tonawanda City School District Secondary Students, Families, and Staff:

We continue to follow the updated NYSDOH guidance that allows students in secondary grades (6-12) to return to school while maintaining a distance of three feet in classrooms. Earlier this afternoon, the Erie County Department of Health announced that the rate of COVID infections is below 100 new cases per 100,000 residents over a 7-day rolling average. This announcement, based on the guidance, allows secondary students to attend school in a traditional five day a week instructional schedule without student cohorts.

UPDATE:

Our district, along with all local districts, have been preparing and closely monitoring our ability to return secondary students to school in a traditional 5-day per week schedule.

Based on the guidance and new data shared by the ECDOH, our district will begin operating the MS/HS program in a traditional 5-days per week schedule on Thursday, May 20, 2021. All students that participate in the hybrid instructional model will attend school on a “full-time” basis beginning next Thursday. This will include transportation, food service, special services, and other expected components of a traditional school week.

Students enrolled in the Remote Warrior program will be allowed to continue to use that instructional model for the remainder of the school year. The hybrid program will no longer be available for students.

It is our intention that once we transition to this traditional, 5-day per week, instructional model it will be used for the remainder of the school year.

Please note that our district will continue to follow the NYSDOH and NYS Education Department guidance on safety and health protocols for the operations of schools. Despite any CDC guidance change, NYS would have to adopt the changes formally AND adjust the guidance for schools. If and when any changes occur, I will communicate those changes immediately.

Please continue to be vigilant with the required daily health screening for all students that attend school. Please do not send your children to school if they present any symptoms or health-related conditions that may be COVID concerns. Your efforts and attention in these areas will continue to provide a safe environment for our students and staff.

The Erie County Department of Health has asked that districts share the following information:

The ECDOH is now offering many vaccination clinics, including the Pfizer vaccination that is now available for people ages 12 years and older. These clinics offer registration (preferred) AND walk-in service. The current listing of ALL vaccine clinics can be found at www.erie.gov/vax.

An upcoming local FREE vaccination clinic for people ages 12 to 18 years of age will be held at:

Date: May 27, 2021

Time: 10:00 AM - 06:00 PM

Registration Deadline: May 27, 2021

Appointments Available: LIMITED

Fee: \$0

Phone: 716-858-2929

- **Grand Island High School; 1100 Ransom Rd, Grand Island, NY 14072: [Register Here](#)**

Who May Attend:

- Eligible Teens 12 to 18 years of age

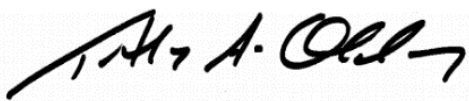
Public Notes:

- This registration is limited to students 12 to 18 yrs. of age.
- Enter Driveway #5 to park. Enter door 27 and proceed to the back gymnasium in our high school for the vaccine appointment.
- The second dose of the Pfizer vaccine will be available on June 17 from 10am - 6pm at the same location.
- All individuals 12 through 17 years of age must have parent/guardian consent in person, or verbal (over the phone), or printed [ECDOH Consent Form](#).

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.

Please contact your building principal with any questions you may have. Go Warriors!

Sincerely,



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Superintendent of Schools