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Dear Tonawanda City School District Families and Staff,

The purpose of this letter is to let you know that the district is aware of the recent announcement that the NYSDOH and Governor's Office will not issue guidance regarding the start of the 2021-2022 school year. This comes as the COVID-19 state of emergency has been rescinded.

Our district is currently consulting with local colleagues, the Board of Education, and the Erie County Department of Health. Additionally, as recommended by state officials, the district is reviewing the CDC guidance issued on July 9, 2021 and July 28, 2021.

As we continue to learn and comprehend this guidance and the recommendations and requirements that are associated with this process, it is important to understand that our primary focus is to create a safe environment that affords students and staff the ability to attend school and participate in our instructional programs every day and every week.

Our decision making process will continue to consider all options while positioning our learning environments to fully function and operate. We are also considering the impacts of positive cases, contact tracing, quarantines/isolations required of close and proximal contacts, and other potential disruptions to operating a comprehensive school district to meet the needs of all students five days per week.

As we continue to evaluate our process and protocols for the start of the school year, I thank you for your patience and support. Our district will continue to communicate and share updates and decisions regarding these matters as soon as possible and prior to the start of the school year.

If NYS or the ECDOH issues guidance as we approach the start of the school year, we will assess its impact on how we intend to operate and offer updates as required.

Please enjoy the month of August and the final weeks of summer. We are looking forward to seeing your children and experiencing a successful 2021-2022 school year.

Sincerely,

Timothy A. Oldenburg, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools