



March 4, 2022

Dear Families:

This will be my final communication as superintendent as Mr. Michael Bennett begins on Monday, March 7. While the last few years have been difficult for all of us, I am very thankful for the opportunities that I have had to serve the students and families at Greenville for 36 years.

There will be an update to our school calendar for March 11. This date is currently in the calendar as a P - 5 Early Release Day, which will now be expanded to include students in grades 6 - 12. This will allow middle and high school teachers the time to also communicate and connect with parents and families.

K-5 will dismiss @ 11:30
6-12 will dismiss @ 11:45

As you know, on February 27, the announcement was made that the mask mandate would be lifted effective March 2. Since that day, masks have become optional at Greenville. To follow the lifting of the mandate on Tuesday evening, March 1, the New York State Department of Health released new [COVID guidance](#) for school districts and BOCES across the state. This included an [FAQ](#) document. School superintendents met with county departments of health on Wednesday to discuss the latest guidance and how it will impact our students and staff.

Requirements that continue are as follows:

- If your child tests positive for COVID (regardless of vaccination status), they must isolate at home for a full five days. If they have no symptoms or their symptoms are resolving after five days, they can end isolation and return to school on the sixth day with a “release from isolation” from the NYS Department of Health. Upon returning to school from isolation after a COVID-19 infection, **masking is required** during days six through ten.
- Unvaccinated staff must continue to be tested weekly.

If your child is a close contact of a confirmed COVID-19 case, quarantine is no longer required. It is **recommended** that they wear a mask in school for 10 days after exposure and to test on Day 5. If symptoms develop, they should get tested immediately and isolate until results are received. If your child is symptomatic and no COVID testing is completed, they are required to isolate for five days. COVID-19 tests are available at school to anyone who wants one. If a test is needed, please contact the main office or one of our nurses.

Ultimately, the best way to avoid being in close contact or risk infecting others is to continue to follow the mitigation protocols which have served us well over the past two years. These include physical distancing, cleaning and disinfecting and staying home when sick.

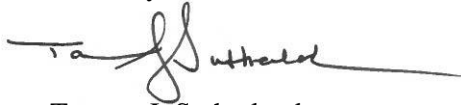
The District will continue to notify impacted individuals if we learn about a positive case. In some situations, this will involve a general notification alerting staff and families that there was a positive case in a particular class. In other cases, the identification of close contacts may be warranted and an individual notice (letter, email or phone call) will be sent out.

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The health and safety of our students and staff continue to be our top priority. Thank you for your ongoing support.

As I conclude my career at GCS, I welcome Mr. Bennett to our school community. He will quickly learn what a special place it is.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tammy J. Sutherland", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Tammy J. Sutherland
Interim Superintendent