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

Our school district has been and is continuing to plan for the various scenarios that may be made available for student instruction in the Fall. We have been examining and designing contingencies for the expected requirements, guidance, and recommendations from the Governor, NYS Department of Education, CDC, and other health officials.

Late yesterday, it was announced that local districts should expect guidance from the NYS Education Department and the Board of Regents on July 13, 2020. Additionally, all school districts will be required to submit their tentative plans for Fall instruction to the Department of Education on July 31, 2020. Subsequently, the Governor will make an announcement about his decision on the reopening of schools during the period of August 1-7, 2020.

While we continue to plan and prepare for the many challenges and unknowns, the health, safety, and welfare of our students, staff, and school community remain our top priority.

We understand that students and families are awaiting decisive action and finalized plans for our instructional program in the Fall. We are equally anticipating the decisions of others that will allow us to determine which course of action is most appropriate and feasible within the constraints of our district.

It should be expected that every school district will have differences in their planning, protocols, instructional delivery, and operations. We will continue to provide the best educational program for our students and families within the fiscal and procedural constraints that are unique to our district.

You should expect that within a week of the Governor's announcement that our district will be prepared to share our plan for Fall instruction. We will continue to communicate with you throughout this process including on our new website and mobile app. Additionally, our district will work to communicate, with as much advance notice as possible, the information and planning that will guide the educational programming for our students in the Fall.

On behalf of our entire school community, thank you for your understanding and flexibility, and stay safe Warriors.

Sincerely,

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