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

Recently, the New York State Education Department (SED) and the NYS Department of Health (DOH) have released guidance documents for districts to incorporate into their required planning for schooling in the Fall. These documents can be found on our website listed as a “News” item at:

<https://www.tonawandacsd.org/article/271961?org=tcsdny>

Our district is working with local health officials, regional educational experts, and many stakeholders in our district and community, including parents. Our required timeline includes a plan submission date of July 31, 2020 to the SED and the Governor’s office. This plan must include models of in-person instruction, fully virtual instruction, and a hybrid model of both in-person and virtual learning. There are many requirements and mandates from the SED and the DOH that must be included in these plans. During the week of August 1, 2020, our Governor will determine when and how schooling can resume. Districts will then move forward with executing their plans accordingly.

In the coming weeks we will be providing more detailed information that will help answer your questions and provide processes for Fall instruction. You will have opportunities to contact and speak with district administrators to provide you with information to any unanswered questions. We will continue to communicate in writing, with website updates, and via “alerts” from our mobile app and school communication system.

Regardless which plan is used for Fall instruction, the way we operate and the way we interact will be different. Our primary focus continues to be on providing and supporting an environment that ensures the safety, health, and welfare of our students, staff, and school community to the fullest extent possible. Our planning will include all of the required guidance and further include recommended best practices in every feasible opportunity.

Thank you for your continued support. It is important to recognize that your flexibility, patience, and support, now and in the future, will be necessary for our district to best connect with students, increase student achievement, provide necessary services and supports, continue our focus on equity and inclusivity, and deliver the care and resources that have become expectations in our community.

Sincerely,

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