

## TONAWANDA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT Tonawanda Middle School

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## Dear Parents/Guardians:

Our District is committed to delivering a high quality educational program and associated services that meets the expectations of our community. Additionally, the District recognizes the concerns that our students, parents, and staff have regarding the reopening of schools as we continue to address the COVID-19 pandemic. Our mission is to deliver these needed and valued services in an environment that is safe, clean, sanitized, and mitigates the risk of transmission of COVID-19 by carefully following the mandates and requirements set forth by the NYS Department of Health, NYS Education Department, and the Governor's Office.

We are pleased to inform you that our model of reopening will be the *hybrid plan*, which was outlined after the most recent Governor's press conference. Please see our reopening plans on our website that outline our model for the hybrid plan.

To provide you with more of an understanding about reopening of schools, we have created a <u>district FAQ document</u> that can be found on our website. Our hope is this document will provide more clarity about answers to questions and concerns regarding this model. Additionally, we would like to hear more of your concerns and questions about reopening schools.

We have provided a Q & A form for the middle school. This survey is to help provide us with your concerns not referenced/answered in the FAQ form. All submissions must be completed by 12:00pm on Monday, August 10th. These questions will be addressed later in the week and shared with the middle school community.

Our goal is to continue and increase our communication with our school community. Together we will create a better understanding of concerns and create a shared understanding of the reopening of schools in the Fall. There will be future opportunities to connect with Mr. Morton and myself at a later date in August and informational videos will be provided to show how the school is set up and will operate on a daily basis as per the hybrid plan.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding. We are doing our very best to support our entire school community in ensuring a safe and healthy environment for our students to learn, grow, and reach their potential.

Thank You

David Sellan Principal

Tonawanda Middle School