



# TONAWANDA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Tonawanda City School District Families:

Thank you for considering the hybrid plan and the remote warrior plan for school reopening. Nearly 80% of our students will be returning to school in a hybrid model. We are in the final stages of creating our cohort A (last name beginning with A-L) and cohort B (last name beginning with M-Z) students, developing teacher assignments/class schedules, and furthering our planning for remote warriors. Parents that have special circumstances for cohort assignment based on children in the same household and other associated reasons should have contacted their building principal. We expect these cohort assignments to be finalized this week and released later next week.

Transportation assignments will be developed in the coming week. Thank you to those parents/guardians that removed their child from the bus routing to support the mitigation of virus spread by reducing the student density on buses. Today is the final day to complete the transportation form on our website.

The health, safety, and welfare of our entire school community remains our primary focus. We respect that everyone has differing opinions and perspectives about COVID-19 and the requirements necessary for schools to reopen in a hybrid model. Our district must follow the guidance, mandates, and precautions established by the Governor, NYS Department of Health (NYSDOH), and the NYS Education Department (NYSED).

It should be recognized that our district will take every precaution and action possible to prevent the potential spread of virus and to create a safe and healthy environment for all parties in our school community. It is strongly recommended in the guidance from NYSDOH, NYSED, and Dr. Burstein, Commissioner of Health of Erie County, that students wear a mask at all times and as much as possible. Wearing a mask is the most widely held successful means of preventing potential spread of virus.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership with our district. Go Warriors!

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools