



East Greenbush Central School District

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Jeffrey P. Simons

Superintendent

Dear Members of the East Greenbush Educational Community:

As we prepare for students to return to school in the fall, New York State has provided our school district with guidelines to ensure the health and safety of our students, our staff and our community members. The NYS Education Department and Department of Health guidelines have been reviewed and considered by our district's School Reopening Task Force represented by a large number of stakeholders including teachers, staff, students, parents, Board of Education members and medical professionals, including our school physician. The entire administrative team of the school district has reviewed these plans to ensure smooth planning and implementation of the requirements and the ability of each school to communicate effectively to respond to individual student, family or staff concerns.

The health and safety components of our school reopening plans described in this report meet or exceed health and safety requirements of New York State in all of our schools. Importantly, the educational plans described in this report enhance the district's ability to provide every student in our district K-12 with quality in-person instruction, remote instruction and virtually delivered live instruction. In accordance with the teaching and learning expectations included within this plan, the delivery of live virtual instruction to students when scheduled will be different than it was during the spring. This component offers more structure, increased interaction between students and teachers and greater predictability and support for students, families and staff. The feedback received from parents, teachers and staff during the spring was instrumental in forming our plans for the reopening in the fall.

As we move forward with planned sessions for public discussions, this plan also provides the flexibility needed at any time to enable the district to respond to and accommodate individual family and staff considerations, including individual student and/or employee medical concerns. The district is establishing a process to address and respond to these concerns on an individual basis. The district will inform parents and staff of this process once established. Our plans also enable the district to shift in

response to any developments related to the ongoing monitoring of COVID-19 cases within our state, county and the Capital Region.

I encourage every resident, parent and staff member to read this plan. Questions and concerns you may have can be directed to either your school principal or directly to my office at simonsje@egcsd.org. Your input provides opportunities to clarify our communications, meet individual needs and to refine and improve our plans.

After reviewing the District's school reopening plans, any parent or guardian who believes their child will be unable to return to school for in-person learning should contact the building principal of their child's school by August 24 or as soon as practical. The District will review the matter and discuss options with the parent or guardian to address their concerns.

I wish to thank every member of our educational community for engaging and contributing to a comprehensive plan for a healthy, safe and enriching educational experience for students in the fall.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeffrey P. Simons".

Jeffrey P. Simons
Superintendent of Schools