



WANTAGH UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

# Superintendent of Schools

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John McNamara  
Superintendent

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Dear Parents,

As our school year comes to a close, I wanted to provide you with an update on our planning for September. Please know that we are committed to getting our students back into our schools safely this fall. A district committee has been actively working on plans to accomplish this goal. However, the degree to which we can open our schools is going to be determined by the requirements that we are ultimately given by the New York State Education Department and the New York State Department of Health. We have not received that guidance about the reopening of schools at this point but continue our planning in anticipation of some of the potential requirements.

We currently are planning for three possible scenarios in the fall: all students return to school, remote learning or a blended learning approach in which students would attend both in-person and remotely. In addition to the development of various instructional models, a health and safety subcommittee is working to address the various ways we will need to operate and maintain a healthy environment for all students and staff.

To provide you with an overview of the work of the committee, there is a link below to a video presentation. It is approximately twenty minutes long and will give you a sense of many of the items that are being discussed. A survey has been created for your feedback about the reopening of schools in September. Please take a moment to complete the survey. This feedback will help guide our future planning sessions.

[Video Presentation](#)

[Parent Survey](#)

There are also two upcoming virtual town hall sessions that I have planned for next week for parents to provide feedback about reopening schools in September. Those sessions are scheduled as follows:

Elementary Schools Town Hall

Monday, June 29, 2020 7:00 PM

[Zoom Meeting Link for Elementary Meeting](#)

Meeting ID 833 3840 3508

Middle School and High School Town Hall

Tuesday, June 30, 2020 7:00 PM

[Zoom Meeting Link for Middle and High School](#)

Meeting ID 879 3081 1089

Thank you for your continued support of our district as we worked through this challenging year. I will continue to keep you up to date about our planning for the fall as more information becomes available throughout the summer.

Regards,

John C. McNamara

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