



SYRACUSE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Huntington Families,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! I hope this finds you and your family well and looking forward to the start of another school year, despite its challenges. While the start of this school year will look very different, please know that the health, safety, and well-being of every child remains our top priority, as well as our promise to ensure the best possible learning experience for your child.

As you may know, the first day of school is **Monday, September 14th**, and all students will begin the school year **remotely**, until October 2nd. **Beginning Monday, October 5th** students will either return in person two days a week, or choose to continue to learn remotely, at home. Students will be assigned Monday/Tuesday **or** Thursday/Friday to attend in-person learning. The other days of the week will be remote learning. Families who still need a computer will soon be contacted to arrange for pick-up, at the school, so please be sure we have your current contact information (i.e. phone number, e-mail address).

Please note that when school re-opens for in-person learning, our school start and end times will have changed. Our **elementary hours are 8:00-2:00**, and our **middle school hours are 8:40-1:00**. More specific information regarding arrival and dismissal procedures will be forthcoming, including procedures for taking students' temperatures upon arrival. Please note that all adults will be asked to drop students off and pick up outside of the front doors, including PK. Information regarding busing will also be mailed to your home prior to the return of in-person learning.

For the safety of all children and adults the following procedures are in place:

- Parents/Guardians will be asked to drop off their children outside. Staff will greet your child and escort them to the 'temperature station'.
- All students will have their temperatures taken before/as they enter the building.
- All students (bussers, walkers, and parent pick-ups) will be escorted out of the building by staff at dismissal.
- All visitors will be required to attest that they have taken their temperature and do not have a fever (above 100).
- All students, visitors, and staff are expected to wear face masks on school grounds at all times.
- All families must practice social distancing from other families.

Within the next few days, prior to the re-opening of in-person instruction, families will be receiving a very important letter. This letter will designate students' assigned days and further explain the hybrid model this year. Those participating fully in remote learning will receive a letter outlining instruction as well.

We appreciate your patience in advance as we adjust to the many necessary changes this year, and we look forward to getting started! As always, please contact us with any questions or concerns you may have.

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