

FRONTIER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents:

My purpose of this letter is to reinforce that our school district is a safe place for our children to learn and grow. It is a great school district with great teachers and support staff. I also wanted everyone in the Frontier community to begin to plan for September and look forward to a great school year with all students attending school five-days/week in-person. We are continuing to put the necessary plans in place to make this become a reality for our students.

The 2020-21 school year presented a myriad of challenges to our students and their families. On Monday, April 26, 2021, we were able to bring back the Pre-K-5 students back to their classrooms. Within the past two weeks, as the NYS guidance changed, we were able to bring our grade 6-12 students back to their classrooms. We are now planning a very vigorous summer school and look forward to planning for September and the 2021-22 school year.

During this time of full student attendance, we have been closely monitoring our school to ensure the safest environment possible. The District is experiencing a very sharp drop-off in positive COVID cases. For example, during the month of April, we had 54 positive cases of COVID. The student went to the nurse's office upon arriving to school and the staff immediately contacted their parents to attend to the needs of their children. During the month of May, there have only been four positive cases of COVID. These students also were handled in the same manner. This is good news but we are still on high alert. We have never had any positive COVID transmission within our school buildings. This is the same for all other public school districts in Erie County.

We look forward to next school year with all of our students attending five days/week for in-person instruction. Frontier will not be offering a virtual educational option for students. This option was provided due to the extenuating circumstances that all schools experienced under the pandemic. It is not a preferred educational option for student learning. We should all agree that the preferred educational setting is in a classroom under the direct guidance of a professional educator.

Thank you for your continued support and patience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C. Douglas Whelan".

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Interim Superintendent