

# FRONTIER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Reopening of Schools Committee

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July 9, 2020

Dear Frontier Central School District Families,

We hope this letter finds you safe and well. We are writing to inform you of the work that is being done in an effort to prepare for the restarting of school. As you know, there continues to be concerns and questions related to how schools plan to reopen in September. While we are in the business of educating, our first priority is the safety of our students and our employees. Please know that we are working diligently on our Frontier Central School District Reopening of Schools Plan.

We have a multi-tiered approach to research and planning that emphasizes the importance of meaningful and thoughtful discussions with over 110 stakeholders representing parents, teachers, staff members, community members, administrators, and Board of Education members. Administrators and Department Leaders chair 9 subcommittees consisting of Communication, Curriculum and Student Achievement, Food Service, Health and Wellness, Instructional Technology, Operations/Facilities/Safety, Social Emotional Learning, Special Education and Transportation. The objective of our planning is not only to be prepared for September, but also to prepare us to adapt quickly during the school year according to any unexpected change in circumstances.

Our desire is to return to school as we traditionally do with enhanced safety and cleaning protocols. However, we must be proactive and be prepared during these ever-changing times to continue educating our students if and when circumstances change throughout the year related to the health and safety of our students and employees. We are planning strategies for three potential plans:

1. **Enhanced Traditional Plan**- We would continue school as normal with enhanced safety precautions in place such as increased hand sanitizer availability, increased frequency of cleaning of high touch areas, limited visitation to our schools, in order to possibly prevent the transition to a hybrid or full distance learning option. While this is our hope for September, any Executive Orders from the Governor, or guidance from the CDC, the State Education Department and the Erie County Health Department will drive any decision to return to school as normal.
2. **Social Distancing/Hybrid Plan**- Hybrid would be a combination of distance and face-to-face instruction with increased safety and disinfecting measures. This would only be enacted if the Governor's Executive Order required us to maintain a social distance and to limit the number of people in groups and/or classrooms.
3. **Full Distance Learning Plan**- All students would participate in the learning of new material, continued standard pacing, interactive lessons, graded assignments, and assessments. This would be enacted if the Governor's Executive Order closed schools again due to public health concerns.

We understand that the uncertainty of reopening plans can cause anxiety and stress for all of us. Please know of our continued efforts to make decisions using science and data to minimize the health risk to our students, staff and families. We will continue to reflect on what we learned from the experiences of the past four months as we reshape any of the possibilities for September or for any expected or unexpected long-term closure during the 2020 – 2021 academic year. Please refer to the District's website, [www.frontiercsd.org](http://www.frontiercsd.org) for further information or email us at [reopening@frontiercsd.org](mailto:reopening@frontiercsd.org) if you have any questions. As we continue the Frontier Central School District Reopening of

Schools planning process, we will keep you updated. Thank you for your continued support as we strive to do what is best for all of our students and employees during these challenging times.

Sincerely,

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Members of the Communication Subcommittee