



## Oyster Bay-East Norwich Central School District

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**Francesco Ianni, Ed.D.**

*Superintendent of Schools*

Dear OBEN Family,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. As an update to my welcome back letter on August 11<sup>th</sup>, I would like to provide further information regarding the opening of schools for the 2021-2022 school year. On September 1<sup>st</sup>, OBEN students will return to five days a week in-person instruction along with athletics, extra-curricular activities, and transportation.

Universal masking will be required for all students and staff when indoors and on buses. Masks will not be required when outdoors. Additionally, brief mask breaks will be provided throughout the day.

In the event a positive case of COVID-19 is reported to the District, contact tracing will take place if a student or staff member is deemed a close contact. A close contact includes someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for 15 minutes or more. Individuals who are fully vaccinated do not need to quarantine unless they present with symptoms. Students in a classroom who are within 3 to 6 feet of an infected student where both students were wearing masks are exempt from quarantine.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and patience while navigating through the uncharted waters of the COVID-19 pandemic. I look forward to the start of the 2021-2022 school year and seeing all of you in the upcoming weeks.

Sincerely,

Francesco Ianni, Ed.D.

Superintendent of Schools

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