

GRANVILLE CENTRAL GRANVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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To All Parents / Guardians and Staff:

Over the past several months, the Granville Central School District has worked tirelessly to support a safe return to a hybrid and in-person model of instruction for the 2020-2021 school year. The steps we have taken to minimize the risk of COVID-19 transmission within our district have to date proven successful allowing us to follow our original reopening plans. This has been an enormous benefit for our overall educational experience.

While the infection rate in Washington County remains relatively low, the infection rate across New York State is increasing, and the CDC and DOH project an increase in community transmissions due to the holiday season. As part of Executive Order 202.68, Governor Cuomo introduced a "Cluster Action Initiative" which classifies regions, based on infection rates of Yellow, Orange, and Red. If designated, each color requires enhanced public health restrictions, limiting non-essential gatherings, houses of worship, restaurants and taverns, gyms and fitness centers, personal care services, and schools.

School districts located in areas identified as Orange or Red zones must transition to a fully remote learning environment until the designation is lifted due to reduced transmission. In a Yellow Zone, schools may remain open if those schools conduct random weekly COVID-19 tests on 20% of their population (students, faculty, and staff). We are currently working with the Washington County Department of Health and our school's medical provider to explore all options that would allow us to continue to follow our current model of instruction.

At this point, our investigation is just beginning, and I do not know if we will be able to meet the new NYS requirements or not, should our district fall into a Yellow Zone. I will provide additional information to everyone as soon as we have it. As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,



Thomas D. McGurl

Superintendent