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Dear Parents/Guardians/Faculty/Staff:

Below is an update on COVID related public health measures and our beginning of school for the 2021-2022 school year:

Health and Safety Guidance Updates:

- Yesterday a flurry of activity in the Governor's Office resulted in a few Executive Orders, legislation and guidance from various NY State agencies. The most significant shift is the expectation that all school personnel test for Covid-19 on a weekly basis. Personnel may opt out of the requirement by providing proof of vaccination. Cortland County Superintendents are working in collaboration with a number of local entities - Cayuga Medical, BOCES, and the Cortland County Health Department - to ensure the best possible supports for our staff as we navigate through this shift.

Visitor and Volunteer Updates:

- Based in some of the activity yesterday I have placed a temporary pause on our earlier stated reopening of buildings to visitors and volunteers. At this time, in order to focus solely on the health and safety practices within our buildings, we will limit volunteers and visitors to our buildings. We hope that this shift is temporary.

Traffic Updates:

- Throughout the past few weeks our Transportation Department has been communication with City and County Officials to continue learning about anticipated disruptions to traffic patterns within the District. Please anticipate significant delays around Barry Primary School for the foreseeable future. Delaware Avenue and Owego Street are about to undergo considerable reconstruction - water main replacement and other significant underground work. We are hopeful for a November completion of that project.

Thank you all for your work in getting ready for the school year. I can not begin to explain how excited we are to get this year underway. Our work is specifically in the "changing lives" category, and we take pride in knowing that we are going to build relationships with our students starting Wednesday morning.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Robert J. Edwards'. The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

Bob Edwards