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## COOPERSTOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT Elementary

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Dear CCS Families,

It is with a happy heart that I wish you a Happy New Year! I'm sure you are, as am I, looking forward to a year filled with normalcy! The reason for this letter is to outline our instructional schedule beginning Tuesday, January 19.

Elementary students will return in the Hybrid Learning format on Tuesday, January 19. As a reminder, students whose last name begins with A-K will attend school in-person on Monday and Wednesday and those last names ending in L-Z will attend on Tuesday and Thursday. Friday will remain a "remote" day for all students. So that they are marked present for that day, it is important that students remember to sign in for their morning meeting at 8:10. For our 100% remote learners, their day will look exactly as it has: posted assignments on Google Classroom. A reminder that if your child gets dropped off, please pull up to the Walnut Street curb to let your child out as opposed to the parking lot or the bus circle between 7:30 – 8:00. Thank you for sticking to these times!

It is our hope that we will be able to move into the next phase of reopening, which is to bring all students K-8 back four days a week. Our original target date of January 11 now needs to be adjusted due to the rise in COVID cases. Our target date for this is sometime in February. Stay tuned for more details as we watch the ever-evolving situation with COVID. Our ultimate goal is to bring all students back to school!


Needless to say, we will most certainly continue our social distancing efforts! Everyone will wear a mask at all times, except during mask breaks, and we will all complete the COVID screener on a daily basis. Reminder to all parents that our elementary students will need to bring a completed blue or orange sheet to school with them for our "EZ Pass" screening. If your pad is low, have your child request one from our office. We have lots! And, if you don't have any, you can certainly do the online screening app, although we prefer the paper due to no backlog getting into the building.

Some families will continue to choose 100% Remote Choice as their learning model. We are nearing the end of the time to make another decision to be remote or go hybrid (Jan 22). If you intend to change your mode of learning, please contact Maria Senk at [msenk@cooperstowncsd.org](mailto:msenk@cooperstowncsd.org) or at 547-9976. If we do not hear from you, your child (ren) will remain on the list they are currently on (either hybrid or remote). Please communicate your decision by January 20.

As a reminder, attendance at school is compulsory, as required and directed by the State of New York. Students need to attend classes and complete their work daily, whether in-person or remotely. If families are struggling with connectivity or any other issue, please contact the main office at 547-9976.

We know these are unprecedented times, our plans are not one size fits all, and we are asking you to help in ways like never before. We know work schedules don't always coincide with school schedules and our students are on screen more than anyone ever thought possible. But we are here to help. We strive for the ultimate success of every one of our students, and much conversation and thought has been put into developing a plan that not only addresses our social-emotional needs, but also the curriculum that is most important to get through in the time we have to give it. I wish to ask one thing: we must continue to work together as a team. It is imperative that your child (ren) see that we all want the same thing for them, which is their learning and development to thrive and create a healthy and happy child. We appreciate your support in working together for the best interest of your child (ren). Please reach out with any concerns, issues, or questions.

I very much look forward to seeing your child (ren) again next week!

Be well,  


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