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Dear Families:

Spring is upon us and, like many of you, we are looking forward to sunny days and greener grass ahead. Speaking of that, a group of nearly 50 staff members met last week to discuss how schools will fully reopen when the data and guidance supports it. This discussion is in the initial stages and will continue to expand as we gather more information and invite parent representatives into the conversation to plan.

Below is a summary of the Reopening Task Force's work provided by chairperson and Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Mrs. Christina Miga. As our people have done so well this year, we continue to stay fluid by closely monitoring feedback and making modifications to improve. In that spirit, we include a survey link in this week's report asking for your perspective and advice. Thank you in advance for your continued engagement.

TAKE THE SURVEY

Check your email to access a survey created by our Reopening Task Force (RTF) with the purpose of hearing your perspective and including your input in our planning. The survey should take about five minutes to complete. We would appreciate your feedback. It will close next Monday, March 15th. In order to ensure the integrity of the information collected, please only complete this form once per household. Thank you for your valued and continued partnership. If you are interested in joining the RTF, the second page of the survey has a place to leave your contact information, as well as the dates/times the RTF is meeting over the new few weeks.

REOPENING TASK FORCE UPDATE

Stakeholders from across K-12 met on March 3rd for the first meeting of RTF. The goal of this group is to create thoughtful plans to safely fully reopen our schools. The meeting focused on sharing, to date, silver linings and barriers from this school year. Some of those bright spots were collaborative planning among colleagues, building relationships with students and leveraging technology to maximize learning. Some barriers discussed included face-to-face time with students, scheduling, remote instruction, and distancing. With those in mind, the group began to brainstorm the non-negotiables that will drive planning and problem-solving as we figure out our best reopening plan. At its next meeting, the RTF will finalize the non-negotiables and we will share that with you. The second half of the meeting was dedicated to the creation of parent/guardian, staff and student surveys so that we can gather vital input from these essential stakeholders.

The group was honest, productive and extremely thoughtful. Much like we have done over the course of the last year, we will work together to create a supportive plan to move forward with full reopening!

COVID-19 UPDATE

Since our last communication on Thursday, March 4, the Monroe County Department of Public Health has reported five new cases in our District: Three students at Irondequoit High School, one student at Dake Junior HS and one staff member at Southlawn School. Per federal privacy laws, we can't disclose any more details or personally identifiable information. If you have questions, call the [MCDPH](#) Hotline at 753-5555 or email COVID19@monroecounty.gov. For COVID-related updates, visit our [COVID-19 Information page](#).

Our next regular communication is scheduled for Thursday, March 11.

In partnership,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Aaron', is positioned above the printed name of the Superintendent of Schools.

Aaron R. Johnson, Ed. D
Superintendent of Schools