

WEBUTUCK CENTRAL SCHOOLS

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Dear Webutuck Families,

I hope this update finds you and your family healthy, well, and ready for spring to arrive!

Currently, we have over 60% of our students in grades prek-8 attending in person instruction four days a week. After spring break, it is our hope that students in grades 9-12 will be returning to in-person instruction four days a week. If you are interested in having your student return to school for in-person instruction, please contact your building principal. Each day, we are in discussion with Dutchess County Department of Health to discuss procedures and guidelines with the intent to return to a “normal” school setting. We have been discussing what mitigation strategies must be in place in order to return to “normal.” The District has purchased over 900 “desk barriers” that we plan to utilize in the near future or in September for the start of the new school year, in order to prepare for all of our students to return to in-person instruction. It is our expectation to finish this school year with the structure we are currently utilizing which is a blend of in-person instruction for four days a week for those families interested and a remote instructional model for those families who would rather stay in that instructional model. It is our intent to have further communications with families as we prepare for the next school year. Over the next three months, we will communicate plans for end of the year activities such as graduation and moving up ceremonies.

As an update, the County has afforded every faculty and staff member in our District who has requested the COVID-19 vaccine that opportunity. Eighty percent of our entire faculty and staff will have received both vaccinations in the next few weeks.

Lastly, there has been new guidance provided for all families who may travel out of New York State to a non-contiguous state. If your student does travel to a non-contiguous state you must adhere to the following protocols outlined by New York State:

For travelers who were out-of-state for more than 24 hours:

- While No Longer Required, Quarantine After Domestic Travel is Still Advised as Added Precaution

I hope that you understand that we are doing the best we can to get back to “normal,” and that if we all follow CDC guidelines such as social distance, wear masks, and make sure we practice good hygiene, we will return to “normal” much sooner.

Sincerely,
Raymond Castellani
Superintendent of Schools