



West Seneca Central School District

Mr. Matthew J. Bystrak
Superintendent of Schools

December 18, 2020

Dear Families,

In consultation with the Board of Education and based on the approval of our district as a Limited Service Laboratory enabling us to test for COVID-19, the decision has been made to resume in-person instruction for **all students** who have opted for the hybrid model of instruction beginning **January 11, 2021**. Further communications will be forthcoming from each of our schools regarding specific protocols that will help to ensure a safe return to our campuses.

As per our original plan, select self-contained students will return, Thursday, January 7, 2021. Families of these students will receive additional information early next week outlining details for return.

We will be following the “A” and “B” Hybrid Cohort Model outlined in previous communications for all buildings **with the exception of West Senior High School**. Due to a high demand for in-person learning at West Senior, we will be utilizing a 3 cohort model for in-person learning. We will continue to monitor this issue and work to maximize in-person learning time for these students once in-person learning resumes. More details will be forthcoming outlining cohort plans for West Senior.

Our district continues to remain in an Orange micro-cluster zone designation. The current NYS Department of Health guidance indicates that we will need to perform COVID-19 tests on 20% of the in-person population of each of our schools in order to remain open for in-person instruction. Therefore, we ask that you please consider providing consent for testing. Please use this link to complete the [Student COVID-19 Consent Form](#). The testing that will be conducted is relatively non-invasive and is called the Binax NOW test. You can view a video demonstration of this test being administered at the following link: [BINAX Nasal Test](#). More information pertaining to our testing process will be communicated in the coming days.

As a district, we look forward to safely welcoming our students back to campus. Thank you for your continued support and involvement in the educational process. On behalf of the district, I would like to wish all of our families a happy and safe holiday season.

Sincerely,

Matthew Bystrak
Superintendent