



# WEST SENECA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Families,

I hope this message finds you well. As we close out the school year, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to our students and families for partnering with our faculty and staff under unprecedented and challenging circumstances. Your involvement in the educational process throughout our extended closure enabled us to support our students and grow stronger as an educational community.

Much of this growth was made possible by the meaningful interactions that took place between students, families, and our staff, both instructional and non-instructional. As a district, we made significant adjustments to our program and delivery of services based on this feedback. The lessons learned and resulting innovations will help to move the district forward into the next school year and beyond.

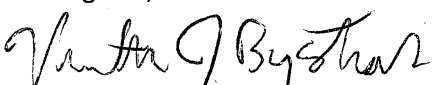
While we have taken some preliminary steps in the planning for the safe resumption of school activities in September, this will be the District's primary focus in the coming weeks and throughout the summer. As always, safety will be at the forefront of our planning, which will incorporate guidance and directives from officials at the state and local levels that is scheduled to be released within the next few weeks.

One step we have taken as a result of learning attained through this closure involves our use of technology. In order to capitalize on the momentum gained over the past few months in the area of digital learning, we have reallocated resources from our technology budget to purchase Chromebooks for all students in grades Kindergarten – 12 for use at home and in school during the school year. Additionally, our teachers are engaging in training in the Google Classroom platform. Having a single platform will enable our teachers to communicate with students and families in a consistent and streamlined manner. This is just one of many initiatives designed to help ensure the integrity of our instructional programming.

While the closure of our schools due to COVID-19 may have been challenging and created some degree of uncertainty for what may come in the fall, know that we are committed to providing a safe and meaningful learning experience for our students.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. Best wishes to all for a restful and enjoyable summer!

Warm regards,

  
Matthew J. Bystrak  
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