



Tioga Central School District
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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are excited to welcome your child back to Tioga Central for in-person learning beginning Friday, September 11th. This has been a challenging time for everyone both personally and professionally. But we also know that education, and especially in-person learning, is absolutely critical to the long-term growth and success of our children.

Please know that we will be following guidelines that New York State has provided to ensure the health and safety of our students and staff at all times. We'll have procedures in place regarding screening, social distancing, and sanitizing to keep us all safe. Please speak with your Teacher(s) or Principal if you have questions about any of our plans or protocols. We want you to feel SAFE coming back to Tioga!

YOU will have an important part to play TOO! In order to ensure that students who have symptoms don't board the bus, we are requiring that you complete a COVID-19 screening ticket (enclosed) every morning, and present it to the bus driver/monitor, who will review it and, if it meets criteria, will then permit your child to board the bus. Please note that the screening ticket requires you to take your child's temperature every day. **No child will be permitted to board a bus without a completed ticket.** Remote students will also be required to complete a screening ticket if they come on campus for any reason. We know that this is an added responsibility, but we hope you understand the importance of this procedure in keeping staff and other children safe. On the back of this letter are tickets you can use for the first few days of school. We will be sending home a tear-off pad of tickets with your child.

If, during the day, your child feels ill or begins to exhibit symptoms for which there is no other explanation, we will immediately contact you and follow the recommendations of our nurse and department of health, which could include sending your child home. The district, your doctor, and/or the department of health may require a sick child to remain home for a time, so please be sure to make back-up child care plans.

Please note, we are working on finalizing transportation this week. **Next week we will begin sending out notification of your bus stop and approximate pick-up / drop-off times.** Thank you for your patience as we develop and test drive these new routes.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call your school. We look forward to seeing your child soon!

Sincerely,

David Hamilton
Superintendent