

**Chenango Forks Central School
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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I want to thank you for all your support and feedback though this very difficult and uncertain time. I understand as a community we would like school to start in the Fall as normal, but unfortunately, we know that is not a possible due to COVID-19. The administrative team has been working very diligently, in conjunction with committee members, to provide Chenango Forks with the best possible education for all students PreK-12 while adhering to NYSED, the CDC and the DOH guidelines.

Currently we are planning to start school under a hybrid model, but please keep in mind that there may be changes in procedures and protocols as we maneuver through what may well be the most challenging school year any of us have experienced. We will continue to work until the start of the school year to make every attempt to provide a safe and successful learning environment for your child this academic year. We will follow the guidelines outlined by NYSED, the DOH, the CDC.

Due to the guidelines and recommendations that we have to follow, many routine aspects of the school day such as student arrival and dismissal, lunch, passing periods and bell schedules have to be modified to create the most sanitary learning environment possible for our students and staff. Numerous protocols and procedures have been developed with the input of health professionals, our support staff, teachers, school nurses and other education professionals to ensure that we are following the guidelines and recommendations for the return of students to as much of a traditional school setting as possible.

As we continue to navigate this school year, the safety of students and staff, along with everyone's social-emotional well-being will serve as the compass that determines our course of action. I want to thank all of our parents, staff and students for their patience and understanding as we continue to work through the planning for the 2020-2021 school year. Please know that we are attempting, to the best of our ability, to make this school year a great experience for all of our students, parents/guardians, and the entire Chenango Forks community as a whole. We understand many of you have questions and concerns as we move closer to the start of the school year. We also know that there will be course corrections as new information becomes available to us via our governing bodies. Please feel free to contact us with any questions by using the CF Re-Entry Questions from Community Form, which can be found on our District website on the Reopening page.

Stay healthy and safe,

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