August 13, 2020

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Hope this letter finds you and your family well and enjoying the beautiful summer weather. We have been busy for months preparing the Olean City School District for the return of our students in these unprecedented times. The COVID 19 pandemic has forced us all out of our comfort zone and out of the routine that we were accustomed to. The Olean City School District has led the way in developing our reopening plan. It has taken all the huskies pulling the sled together for many months of preparation to create the reopening plan.

Our number one priority is the health, safety, and well-being of our students and employees. To that end, you may visit our Reopening Plan at www.oleanschools.org. We highly recommend you visit our school website often as the 2020-2021 school year will be full of changes and challenges. On our website you will find information on the following topics:

- 2020-2021 School Year Calendar
- Our School Day
  - Building schedules
  - Hybrid Model
  - 100% Remote Model
  - Self-Contained Special Education
- One-to-one devices – schedule for distribution
- Links for local child care options
- Lunch distribution for remote learning days – consistent with last year’s sites
- Information on transportation

In these difficult times, we encourage you to resist the urge to compare yourself to others, one district to the next, teacher to teacher, student to student, etc. Everyone brings unique strengths to the table. It is important to focus on these strengths and on efforts to do our best.
There will continue to be questions to answer, but we will work through them together. Should you have questions at any time please email us at HuskyStrong@oleanschools.org Other means of communication will be:

- Parent Square/Robocalls
- News media and social media

Information specific to your students will come from each student's building principal.

This year will require us all to stay flexible. There will be a lot of 'grin and bear it' moments. Please know that the Olean City School District will do everything in its power to make a very difficult situation the best possible experience for your students as is humanly possible. More than anything we will need your support and encouragement as we follow our safe educational plan to help us defeat the COVID-19 pandemic together.

Sincerely yours,

Rick T. Moore
Superintendent of the Olean City School District