

**WHITNEY POINT
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Dear Whitney Point Families,

I hope you have all continued to enjoy family time during these weeks of summer.

I had hoped that we would be entering the school year free of most COVID prevention strategies, but as you likely know, the uptick in COVID cases has spread throughout the country and has now impacted us here in Broome County.

We continue to plan for as much back to routine as is possible, but we will have to have specific protocols in place to keep everyone on our campuses healthy and well.

We did receive guidance last week from the New York State Education Department, under whose auspices we operate. We will be following their guidance for health and safety. We believe we will be getting further guidance from other areas of government but that it will be consistent with what is outlined below. The protections that will be in place for the start of school as of this writing are as follows

- All adults and students will wear masks while indoors (masks are optional outdoors)
- Physical distancing of 3 feet will be in place wherever possible inside school buildings. Greater physical distancing will be used for higher-risk activities.
- Screenings will be used to ensure that staff and students come into school only when they are healthy.

Other measures we will use to mitigate the potential spread of COVID in school may include testing, increased ventilation, use of barriers, regular cleaning/ disinfecting, and cooperation and collaboration with the Department of Health in following quarantine guidelines.

All of these measures are subject to change if the status of COVID transmission changes and/ or if local, state or federal rules change for schools.

As part of our efforts to “normalize” this school year despite the pandemic, we plan for all students to be in person every day. We will continue to use technology as part of instruction which will allow students to access learning materials when absences are necessary.

For the rare case where a student may be medically vulnerable, we are examining alternative avenues of providing remote learning. If you have a child with a condition that makes it particularly risky to be on school grounds during the pandemic, please send in a medical note to us as soon as possible. Our medical director will be reviewing each of these situations.

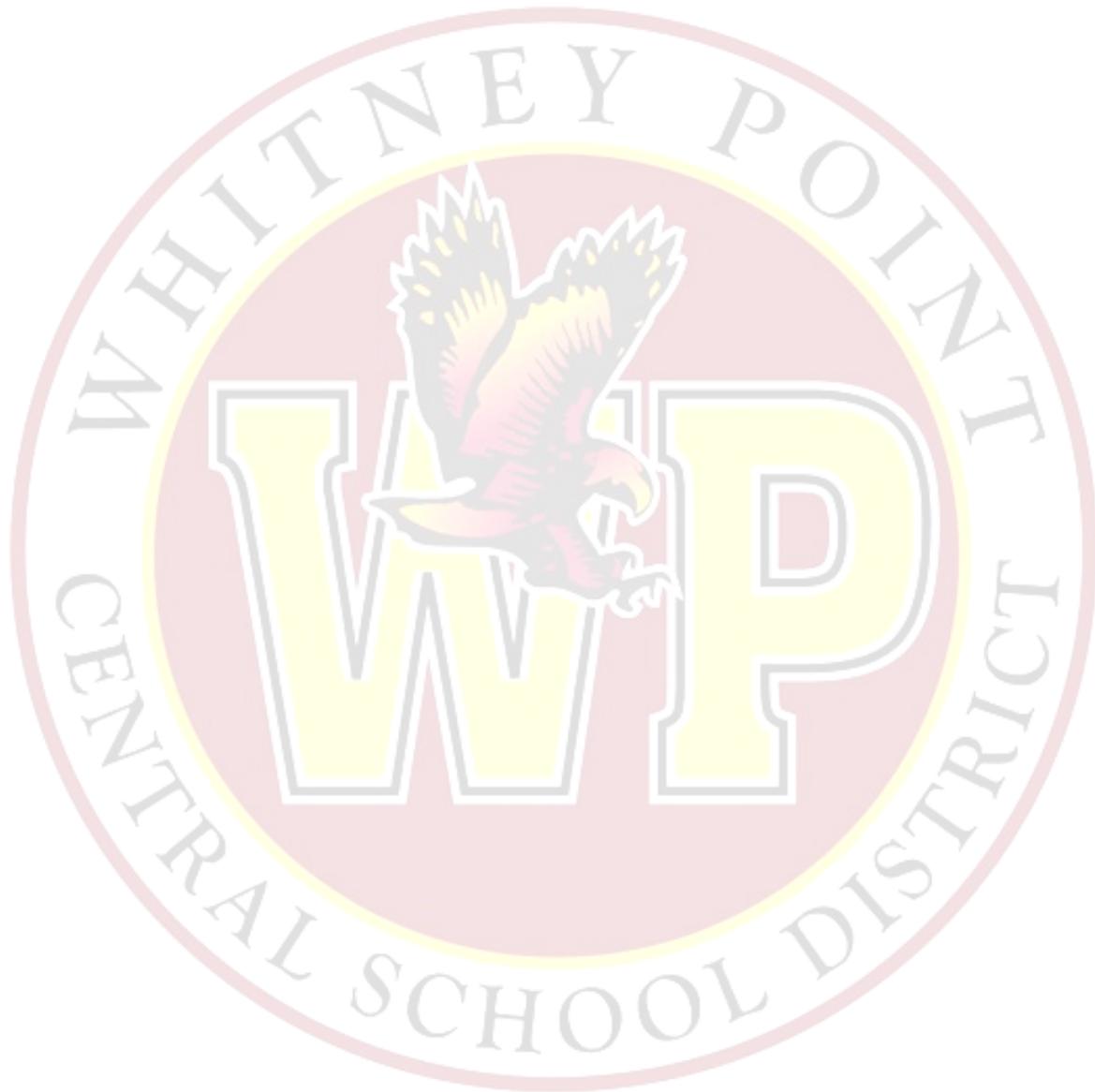
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Thank you for your cooperation and assistance with all of the many changes during this COVID pandemic. It is evident that we still need to be flexible and adaptive in our approach.

As a reminder, all that has been outlined in this letter is based on the information we have at this time. If things change, we will communicate with you as soon as is possible.

Jo-Ann Sexton



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