August 7, 2020

Good afternoon,

As we heard from the Governor today, we have been cleared to implement our plan to open school in September. At this time, we are planning to open under Condition Yellow, which will allow us to have every student attend every day following social distancing rules and wearing masks in common areas. We are working on protocols when students can remove their masks during planned breaks and during instructional periods.

To assist in our continued planning for reopening, we have prepared a survey which has been posted to our website. Please take a few minutes to complete this survey as we will use this data to nail down the final details for our plan in Cincinnatus.

We will provide the best learning experience we have to offer for the community, for staff, and most especially for students that we are able. School will look different for our opening and our planning has been intense, but we know there will be challenges. Our plan remains a draft and we will monitor each part of that plan and make adjustments when necessary.

Throughout this pandemic, school leaders do not get advanced notice on what the Governor will say. On his call today, he announced that schools will have to have a plan to test for COVID-19 and we will have to have a ‘Contact Tracing’ Plan. Those plans will be developed as soon as we receive guidance on the structures of those plans.

It is of utmost importance that our staff and students respect that planning and wear masks, practice social distancing, and adjust to what school looks like for September 2020. If there are questions or concerns, please contact your building administrator.

Cincinnatus has been approved for a federal grant which provides free breakfast and lunch to all students, regardless of family income level. Our Cook Manager, Mr. Greg Bilodeau, has been working with OCM BOCES and tracking our eligibility for this program for several years and now is the best time to implement. We will be enrolled for at least the next four years and we are excited about this opportunity for our students and families.

I am thrilled at the opportunity to get staff and students back onto campus each day.

Be well and I am looking forward to seeing each of you.

Sincerely,

Todd M. Freeman