



## Hamburg Central School District

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Dear Hamburg Central School District Families,

I hope everyone remains safe and well. The purpose of this letter is to let you know that the initial public draft of our HCS D School Reopening Guide has been submitted to the New York State Education Department, and is available online for your review.

As you know, we employed a multi-layered planning process that included nearly 100 people from across the district working in teams to make sure that our plans are comprehensive and minimize health risks to students, staff and families. Each of these teams, which included the Board of Education, a large stakeholder committee (including a physician), three specially designed working groups, and our Administrative Council met multiple times on site to discuss reopening our schools.

Our reopening guide includes plans for three instructional scenarios; fully on campus, fully off campus, and hybrid. As we considered each of those scenarios, four key themes emerged:

- **Safety** for students and staff
- **Equity** so that all children receive the benefit of outstanding learning experiences
- **Adaptability** to ensure that we can shift quickly from one learning scenario to another
- **Compliance** with the New York State Department of Health and New York State Education Department Guidelines

The entire draft plan can be found [here](#). A summary document can be found [here](#).

Our latest information is that the Governor plans to announce the status of opening schools in September between August 1 and August 7. Once Governor Cuomo makes his announcement, we will determine whether we will begin school on campus, off campus or using our hybrid model.

It is important for everyone to know that, according to the NYSED guidance, this draft plan continues to be a work in progress. We will continue to engage our stakeholder committee, meet with staff, and take input from you. Based on your questions, we will develop a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document. Please send your questions regarding our draft plan using [this form](#).

It is perfectly natural for families and children to experience anxiety around restarting school in September. Please know that we will do everything we can to minimize health risk to students, staff and families, to ensure equity, be ready to adapt to changing circumstances and will fully comply with all state guidelines as we plan for a successful start to the 2020-2021 school year.

I will update all of you regarding updates to our plan throughout the summer.

Stay safe and be well.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Cornell  
Superintendent of Schools