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Dear Hamburg Central School District Families,

I hope everyone remains safe and well. The purpose of this letter is to give you an initial update regarding our planning for the reopening of school in September. I call this an “initial update” because circumstances change rapidly, and because it is very difficult to anticipate the rules and regulations that will be ordered by the Governor once September rolls around.

Last week, I was asked to participate in the New York State Education Department’s Reopening Schools Regional Task Force later this month. The hope is that this Task Force will inform the Governor’s directives regarding the reopening of school in September. It is one of four regional task forces that comprises parents, teachers, board members and district leaders. While I am glad to have this forum to share my views, it is also my responsibility to give voice to the many in our community who will not personally be a part of this task force. To that end, a group of Erie County Superintendents created a [survey](#) that will be given in 13 districts, including Hamburg. Your responses will help those of us who are on the Regional Task Force to be informed by the perspectives of our friends and neighbors. Thank you in advance for completing it. It should take no more than 15 minutes.

Additionally, we’d like to know how you experienced remote learning this spring. There are two things about the District’s perspective about remote learning that are really important to highlight. First, we are committed to in-person learning, and fully appreciate that remote learning is not a long-term substitute for in-person/on-campus learning. Second, we are so grateful to our teachers, administrators, students and families for all that everyone did to make the best of remote learning under very difficult circumstances. Hopefully, we don’t need to make large scale use of remote learning in the future, but we’d like to make sure that we optimize the experience for students and families if we ever do. Your responses to this very brief [survey](#) will be very helpful.

As we embark on our planning for September 2020, be assured that our top priority will be the safety of our students, staff and visitors, and that we will communicate with you about those plans as they come in to clearer focus.

I hope everyone enjoys this fantastic late spring weather. Stay safe and be well.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Cornell  
Superintendent of Schools