



# Altmar-Parish-Williamstown Central School District

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Hello Rebel Community!

I hope you are all enjoying the summer months. I know that many students are looking forward to returning to school. I am looking forward to seeing students back on campus and returning to as “normal” a school year as possible. We are ready to welcome staff and students back using our enhanced protocols for cleanliness. We will also continue to promote good hygiene for handwashing and most importantly, encourage families to keep their children home when sick.

Our main goal for this school year is to have all students, PK – 12 in school, five days per week, while following guidelines which are meant to minimize risk of COVID-19 to our students, staff and their respective families. We are teaching and learning experts; most of us do not have a background in science or medicine and disease control. Therefore, when putting together plans for the upcoming school year, we felt it best to use the advice of experts in the fields of medicine and disease control.

Plans for students and staff members for the 2021/2022 school year are in accordance with the CDC’s current guidance, which will include the following:

- **All PreK-12 students will attend in –person learning 5 days a week – regular (pre-pandemic) school hours;**
- **Masks are required for all individuals (faculty, staff, students and visitors) while indoors, regardless of vaccination status;**
- **Masks will not be required for outdoor events;**
- **Masks are required for all individuals when on buses;**  
*(we no longer need to socially distance 6’ on buses; this allows us to transport all students to school, every day, without a problem.)*
- **Physical distancing of three feet indoors, where possible, with local discretion.**  
*(this means that we will be socially distanced 99.0% of the time, but if on occasion students are closer than 3’, it is acceptable according to guidance; as mentioned previously, they will still be masked.)*

It is important to note that information and data regarding the transmission level of COVID-19 in our county, as well as throughout the United States, is changeable. As conditions change, our intentions for the unknown are to continue to look to the CDC for their expert guidance.

We continue to keep the health and safety of all staff and students in the forefront of our decision making process. As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Lynn K. Rhone  
Superintendent