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Both	In you FAQ, I saw it say that teachers are going to be the ones to rotate instead of the students. I teach science. I already know that some things might be limited because of sharing supplies but I thought I could still do demos for the kids. This will be harder in a non science room.	More detailed instructional questions are being worked on now that our Health and Safety plan is submitted. We will be able to answer your question at a later date.
Both	Will certain masks not be allowed? I see a new design that has a valve. Depending on the design that is pretty much just having a hole in the mask, which makes it pointless.	All PPE, including masks, must meet CDC and Department of Health guidelines
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APW Elementary School	What is your plan to address the extreme shortage of childcare options within the APW school district area? There are very few options for parents working full time hours.	We have contacted Oswego County Child Care Council and are waiting for more information regarding childcare options and availability. We will keep you apprised of our conversations and information.
Both	I have a student in 7th grade and one in pre-k will they both be able to attend school on the same day.	Transportation supervisor and principals are working together to schedule siblings for the same days
Both	How is it fair to keep some of your staff virtual and the rest not? It should be one way or the other for all.	School faculty and staff will be sent a separate link to ask specific questions about their duties. Please ask your questions using that link rather than this public link. Thank you.
Both	How available will admin/guidance be? There would be times in the past that I or a student would need one of them and none would be available due to all of them being in a weekly meeting. If not already thought of, I feel these meetings should be after students leave because students will need even more access to their counselors now and the building in general will need admin support.	School faculty and staff will be sent a separate link to ask specific questions about their duties. Please ask your questions using that link rather than this public link. Thank you.

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APW JSHS	If I opt for 100% distanced learning, how will that be set up.	More detailed instructional questions are being worked on now that our Health and Safety plan is submitted. We will be able to answer your question at a later date.
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Both	Can Wednesdays go to mostly planning and virtual check ins with students? Adding meetings and PD make an already filled day just overwhelming.	More detailed instructional questions are being worked on now that our Health and Safety plan is submitted. We will be able to answer your question at a later date.
APW JSHS	I have looked over the questions and answers submitted. I see a lot of parents asking about 100% virtual learning and that there is a survey that is supposed to go out this week asking if parents plan to send kids to school. I am sure I am with a lot of parents when I say I am conflicted on whether I want to send my kids. My question is, before I would make that decision of sending my kids, how would all virtual work? Would the kids have set schedules? With set times with their teachers? This impacts my decision. I know my kids need structure especially my youngest. I worked with them, stayed on top of their work with them and made sure things were done when they were out the last 3 months and we did best we could. I know that was all thrown together given the circumstances and I think APW did a wonderful job! Having said that my kids would have done and felt better and I would have if there was more of a set schedule.	More detailed instructional questions are being worked on now that our Health and Safety plan is submitted. We will be able to answer your question at a later date.
Both	I use my desk as a place to connect my laptop to my smart board (also use it to connect the DVD player). How am I supposed to do that with my desk now in the back of the room?	A survey will be sent to staff this week regarding returning to school. When we have the data on how many children and staff intend to return to school, we will be able to answer this question

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Both	Will you consider pushing the start date back if you do not get the information out that parents and teachers need in order to plan for childcare, team planning, room setup, etc. in a timely manner?	Doing what is best for students will always be at the forefront of all of our decisions.
Both	What if a student wants me to go over to their desk to help them but they also refuse to put on their mask?	School faculty and staff will be sent a separate link to ask specific questions about their duties. Please ask your questions using that link rather than this public link. Thank you.
APW Elementary School	Will you be providing training to teachers in regards to the online platform chosen by the district before the start of school or will there be flexibility on the start of the online piece? When will you make a decision on the platform for the elementary school? Will you be providing training for the parents as well? Will you give flexibility for teachers of younger students to be able to incorporate paper/pencil assignments instead of online material? Most parents of younger kids preferred this. If you do not know the answer to this right now, when do you anticipate having the answers by?	School faculty and staff will be sent a separate link to ask specific questions about their duties. Please ask your questions using that link rather than this public link. Thank you.
Both	I WOULD LIKE TO UNDER STAND THE COMMENTS FROM TEACHERS FEELING UNSAFE. SO NONE OF THESE TEACHERS WHO FEEL UNSAFE SINCE COVID STARTED HAVE NEVER LEFT THEIR HOUSE TO GO ANYWHERE IN THE PUBLIC?	
APW Elementary School	Hello, My son will be starting kindergarten this fall. While I am happy to see that he will have some in person instruction, I am unsure why the school day has been shortened. If you're going to go through the effort to have in person instruction, why would students be sent home early? I would like to maximize our child's time in the classroom. My partner and I also work full time, and this will be a significant challenge for us, with the school day ending earlier than normal. My questions are, can this aspect of the plan be revisited? If not, will there be any before or after school options available? I'm also wondering if transportation will be available. We are two full time working parents looking for answers and support.	The school day has been shortened due to the need to follow CDC, NYS Dept of Health and NYS Education Department guidelines for reopening school. We cannot hold 100% of our students at this time. Teachers are working hard to develop the best lessons possible for in-person instruction and at-home instruction.

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APW JSHS	what will it take to return to normal instruction? Or is this how you anticipate school to be conducted all year?	We will follow all NYS, CDS and Dept of Health guidelines. We are anxious to get back to "normal" as well and we will do so when we are told that it is safe for students, faculty and staff to return without social distancing.
Both	If the parents disagree with this proposal, what is our recourse and who can we voice our concerns to? This plan is ridiculous and puts too much on the parents shoulders. Just reopen school	A survey will be sent to families this week regarding returning to school. When we have the data on how many children and staff intend to return to school, we will be able to answer this question.
Both	Can't you send a survey to parents to see what days (MT or ThF) work for them? We know you may not be able to guarantee parents getting the days they want their kids to attend school but at least it would give you an idea.	Yes, there will be transportation of students. Our transportation supervisor and principals are working on the days/schedules of students and parents will be informed as soon as they are complete. The decisions regarding which day students will attend will depend heavily on parent responses to the survey being sent to homes this week. When we know how many students we will be transporting, we will then be able to see if some choice can be given. Unfortunately, until then, the variables in scheduling class size and transportation are so vast, it will be impossible to give parents a choice in days.
APW Elementary School	My child's pediatrician recommends that she does not return to school at this time. My other child suffers with multiple medical issues including lung and heart conditions. I saw there is an option for the vulnerable population but we had to meet with principal. I tried calling school and was directed in this direction. Also for elementary school will the virtual option include real instruction. Where last year it was just a social meeting.	A survey will be sent to staff this week regarding returning to school. When we have the data on how many children and staff intend to return to school, we will be able to answer this question
APW Elementary School	If we decide to send our child back to school, but they are uncomfortable or not learning well in the new environment, will be be able to switch to 100% remote learning?	Yes. You will be able to switch to remote learning.
APW Elementary School	Can children wear their own masks from home? What about staff?	Parents are responsible for supplying your child with a mask to be worn at school. Staff members can also supply their own mask if they prefer.

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Both	Are you offering just online classes for students whose parents aren't comfortable with sending them? Will these classes be on google docs/zoom?	More detailed instructional questions are being worked on now that our Health and Safety plan is submitted. We will be able to answer your question at a later date.
Both	I hope you are keeping the same students in the classrooms on Monday and Tuesday and cleaning before bringing the next group in for Thursday and Friday. Co-mingling kids will not help anyone.	We are following all CDC and NYS Department of Health guidelines regarding cleaning and sanization of classrooms and school buildings
APW Elementary School	Has the 100% remote learning program been put together? Will the kids have to be online at a specific time or can they work at their own pace?	More detailed instructional questions are being worked on now that our Health and Safety plan is submitted. We will be able to answer your question at a later date.
APW JSHS	If my kid decides to do classes online and sports eventually open up, can he then participate in sports?	Yes
APW Elementary School	If a large number of families choose to do 100% at home virtual learning might that change the current in school schedule and allow for more in school days?	It may. The information we gather from the new survey sent out to you will give us information about population on buses and in school
Both	Will students be eating in their classrooms? This is a concern for kids with allergies and generally cleanliness in the room.	Students will be eating in their classrooms. Food allergies are being considered when placing students and accomodations will occur when need be. We are following all CDC and NYS Department of Health guidelines regarding cleaning and sanization of classrooms and school buildings
Both	If there is an option to on-line learn 100% of the time and things get better and kids can go to school full-time can kids switch from on-line to in person	Yes. If social distancing restrictions lift, our Health and Safety plan will change in accordance with CDC, NYS Dept. of Health and NYS Education Department guidlines
APW Elementary School	Will the bus routes be shorter since they'll have less kids?	As we get the data on who will be transported to school, transportation schedules will be made and information sent to parents

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APW Elementary School	If we choose the in person 2 days option can we switch to the all virtual option if at any time we decide that the in person option is not working for us?	Yes.
APW JSHS	CAN MY SON STAY BACK THIS YEAR TO REDO THE MESS THAT WAS THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR?	You should contact the building principal and/or guidance counselor to ask for a meeting. They can help you make the most educationally sound decision for your son.
APW JSHS	Will Drivers Education still be offered?	Due to Social Distancing rules, The driving portion will not be offered. We are still making instructional decisions based on the numbers of students coming to school.
APW Elementary School	The survey does not ask if we prefer AA or BB days. Will you be asking us that before making the schedule? Three days at home is difficult enough for working parents. Some may not have a preference but for those that do being able to choose the days may help balance work and child care. It is frustrating that it has not been asked or addressed yet. We need advanced notice to figure out how we are going to handle the virtual days.	With all of the constraints put on schools for reopening, it is impossible for us to give every parent a choice of when their child(ren) will come to school. If you have a work or childcare emergency situation, please contact the appropriate school office to speak with the principal.
Both	Will anything be done to increase air quality / filtration in the schools?	We have the most
APW JSHS	What is the plan for isolation in the bus?	22 students per bus. Students will sit in window seats to remain six feet apart. According to our guidance, children from the same family can sit in the same seats as long as social distancing is maintained with other riders
APW JSHS	What is the district doing to prepare teachers to come back to work? From what I can tell they don't want to come back, they sound very negative. Many parents are essential or frontline workers and have been working from the start of this pandemic. We have worked and exposed our families. We have guidelines at work to follow, we have followed them and they work. Are you educating and giving these guidelines to your staff?	Professional Development opportunities have been offered this summer to our teaching staff. We will be training all staff on health and safety protocols when they return to work and throughout the school year.