



# Altmar-Parish-Williamstown Central School District

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Hello APW Community!

This communication comes to you from two sources: Dr. Naomi Ryfun, who has served as Interim Superintendent of Schools since July, 1, 2020 and Lynn Rhone, your new Superintendent of Schools, as of July 27, 2020. After a short introduction from Lynn Rhone, this letter contains important information regarding when and where to find the APW reopening plan and how to ask questions about the plan.

Hello! My name is Lynn Rhone, and I am already a proud Rebel and so very happy to be here at APW, serving as your superintendent! My family home is in Penn Yan, just west of here, but I am happy to have found a beautiful place to live in Parish, which I will call home while I am here with you. If, at any time you would like to meet with me or just introduce yourself, please feel free to stop by my office – my door remains open and I would be happy to meet you!

It has been such a stressful and uncertain time for students, parents and teachers since March. Governor Cuomo and the NYS Education Department have requested school districts to send our plans for reopening school in September to them by Friday, July 31. A team of educators, parents and community members from APW was assembled in June and has been diligently working on our plan to reopen safely in September. The plan adheres to all NYS Education Department, NYS Department of Health and the Center for Disease Control guidelines for assembling people safely to limit the spread of COVID-19.

The plan, which will be posted on the APW website at the end of day on Friday, 7/31, will be under the tab **School Reopening**. The plan, which is **centered on Health and Safety** contains information at many different levels, including:

- Health and Safety
- Facilities
- Child Nutrition
- Transportation
- Social Emotional Well-Being
- School Schedules
- Attendance and Chronic Absenteeism
- Technology and Connectivity
- Teaching and Learning
- Special Education
- Bilingual Education and World Languages
- Teacher and Principal Evaluation System
- Certification, Incidental Teaching and Substitute Teaching

**Please note** - we were **not** instructed by the state to send in our detailed **instructional plan**. We have a wonderful team of teachers and administrators currently working on those plans. When complete, we will release our instructional plan, which will answer many of the questions you have regarding what your student's day will look like.

We know you will have many questions and concerns regarding the **Health and Safety Reopening Plan** and we want to be able to answer all of your questions in the most effective way possible. Beginning on Friday, July 31, 2020 you will be able to contact us in two ways to send your questions. As your questions come in, we will begin composing a **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)** document which you will have access to on the district website, Facebook page and through a School Messenger email.

## How can you ask your question(s)?

1. You will be supplied a link on our website, Facebook page and through a School Messenger email to click on and easily submit your question.
2. If you'd rather call to ask your question – please dial (315) 625-5246 - You will be asked to leave your question on a voicemail system.

We appreciate you using one of these streamlined methods for collecting and answering questions – as we know that the information you are seeking is very important and we want to be able to address questions and concerns in a timely manner.

We look forward to seeing your questions regarding school reopening. Most importantly, we look forward to seeing students in the hallways and classrooms of your beautiful schools. Governor Cuomo has promised us an answer regarding the ability to reopen school by August 7, 2020.



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