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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Like most of you, I am looking forward to the end of 2020 and hope that 2021 is a much happier and brighter year. I hope we do not see a spike in cases with the start of the new year that many in the medical field are afraid will happen after the holidays.

I want to remind you to please not send your child to school if he/she is displaying any symptoms. People who are testing positive often start displaying very mild symptoms such as a runny nose and headache and do not realize that they have COVID-19 until they have exposed many others.

Just as a reminder, some of the symptoms of COVID-19 are:

Fever or chills
Cough
Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
Fatigue
Muscle or body aches
Headache
New loss of taste or smell
Sore throat
Congestion or runny nose
Nausea or vomiting
Diarrhea

As I look ahead to the reopening of school after our holiday break, I have spoken with other superintendents in our BOCES as well as the Otsego County Department of Health to try to make the best possible decision. I want to have students return to in-person learning as soon as possible, while also keeping the students and faculty/staff safe. Keeping in mind the possible spread of COVID-19 from family gatherings around Christmas and New Year's Eve, students in PK-6th will return on January 4th as scheduled and students in 7-12 will remain in remote learning during the week of the 4th and will

return for in-person learning on January 11th. I hope that with the staggered start, we will not have to return to remote learning anytime soon.

Students who attend BOCES for a full-day program or for a CTE half-day program will be able to attend their BOCES class starting on January 4th. The District will provide transportation to and from BOCES.

I want to thank you again for your cooperation and support during this difficult time. I am looking forward to 2021 and having students back in school.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew Sheldon", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Matthew Sheldon
Superintendent