COMMUNITY UPDATE
August 10, 2021
Presented by:
Dr. Darren Brown-Hall
Superintendent of Schools
SCHOOL REOPENING 2021-2022
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- No guidance from the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH)
- The District is working with the Erie County Department of Health (ECDOH) and following guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) school guidance as basis for reopening school in September
- Working in cooperation with Superintendents across Erie County
- E-mails and Letters
The District sent an information gathering survey to families and faculty/staff regarding COVID-19 health and safety in our schools.

- The survey closes on Friday, August 13th at 5 p.m.
- Once we have finalized plans for school opening, we will schedule District-wide virtual reopening meetings to review.
BUS TRANSPORTATION
2021-2022
The District is requesting all parents participate in 2021-22 transportation bus information request by August 13th. Completion of this request will allow bus load planning to be more accurate and also allow schools to plan for student drop-off and pick-up. Parents always have the right to request school bus transportation at any time regardless of if they indicate they do not need bus transportation.

Note: If you need to change bus transportation information, it will not be for the same day.
BUS TRANSPORTATION

- School buses will be loaded in accordance with Department of Health guidelines which may result in reduced load capacities
- Students will be assigned seats on all school buses
- While the District anticipates driver additions, we are also anticipating a shortfall of 15-20 drivers to begin the school year
- Due to the need for daily bus routing changes/flexibility, MyStop bus tracking may not be available at various times
BUS TRANSPORTATION

- Buses will continue to be cleaned per CDC requirements
- Bus schedules will be available the week before school begins

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a school bus driver please call Student Transportation of America at 716-912-6143.
WATER (LEAD) TESTING RESULTS
NYS WATER (LEAD) TESTING

- Initial Law established in 2016 required public schools test water outlets for lead contamination over a five year cycle
- Due to COVID-19 an extension was given to school districts
- Water samples must be in accordance with guidelines and be taken during student occupation
- District-wide sampling took place from May through June and involved 1,291 total samples
  - Elementary Schools (5/1/21)
  - Middle School (6/5/21)
  - High Schools (6/12/21)
- 87.52% below the 15 ppb (parts per billion), 161 samples over
- District will remediate all 161 samples in a manner that complies with SED guidance
NYS WATER (LEAD) TESTING

- All required water test reporting has been completed as follows:
  - Erie County Department of Health
  - Parents and staff
  - Test information posted on the District’s website
  - New York State Health Department (HERDS)
NYS WATER (LEAD) TESTING

● Other Testing Related Information:
  ○ District has installed water fountain filling stations in all schools (filtered water systems)
  ○ State qualifying remediation efforts include flushing outlet and retesting, replacing a fixture and retesting, labeling an outlet as not for drinking water purposes
  ○ Remediation test results will be reported in a similar manner as the initial tests per guidance
SPECIAL EDUCATION
AFTER SCHOOL
PROGRAMMING
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- After school program - specific to special education
- Stems from a Listen Tour concern
- Transporting students to People Inc. program
- RFP for in-District programming
MATHEMATICS UPDATE
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WHAT DO WE LOOK AT?

Extensive and regular monitoring of data, which includes, but is *not limited to*...

- Regents/3-8 results/aggregate and sub group data
- Local exam results and benchmark data
- Diagnostic and formative data
- Qualitative data
- Graduation cohort data; diploma rates/types
- Students’ math course histories (gr. 5-12)
MATH FACT FLUENCY

- Why math fact fluency?
  - Math fluency is an essential aspect and desired outcome of mathematical proficiency.
  - Math fluency is connected to success in learning higher mathematical concepts.
  - There is an abundance of research and materials emerging to improve and support best instructional practices.
GROWTH MINDSET

Williamsville’s math program is recognized regionally and nationally because we...

- Remain focused on continuous improvement through long-term systemic solutions
- Continue to enhance building structures and resources to support and increase student opportunities
- Provide targeted professional learning opportunities
- Utilize data to make informed decisions
- Maintain an ongoing dialogue with math teachers, administrators, families, and Board of Education
#1 School District in WNY for Mathematics
13 consecutive years (2008-2020, Business First)
Recipient of the top honor in the nation for
Closing the Achievement Gap in Mathematics
(2020, District Administration Magazine)
National Winner, District of Distinction for Mathematics
(2021, Future of Education Technology Conference)
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