COMMUNITY UPDATE
October 12, 2021

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Superintendent of Schools
HEALTH AND SAFETY
Health and Safety

- In late September, the Erie County Department of Health announced they were adopting New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) guidelines for schools.

- E-mailed families and staff regarding these guidance changes on October 1st.
HEALTH AND SAFETY

● Under NYSDOH guidelines, completing the Daily COVID-19 Health Screening Questionnaire and temperature checks are optional
  ○ Visitors will need to continue to complete the COVID-19 Health Screening Questionnaire
  ○ Students, staff, and visitors will continue to have their temperatures checked as they enter the school building

● Entire classrooms will no longer be quarantined after two confirmed cases of COVID-19
  ○ This does not mean entire classrooms cannot be quarantined, but that if there are two cases in the class they will not automatically be placed into quarantine
HEALTH AND SAFETY

● Close contacts on the bus are now defined as anyone sitting within 6-feet of a student with a confirmed COVID-19 case for 15 minutes cumulatively over a period of 24 hours
  ○ Please remember that students are required to sit in their assigned seats

● Athletic teams will no longer have to go on a 10-day pause due to a confirmed COVID-19 case
  ○ While there may be student-athletes identified as close contacts and therefore need to quarantine, practices and games will continue as scheduled
HEALTH AND SAFETY

● Please continue to monitor for any signs and/or symptoms of COVID-19

● If staff members or students exhibit signs or symptoms of COVID-19
   PLEASE STAY HOME

● Daily COVID-19 Reports are available on the District’s COVID-19
   Education Page
HEALTH AND SAFETY

- For families and staff that opted-in to participate in the proximal and surveillance testing programs please know if selected to test for either program you will receive a WITSmail with the:
  - Date
  - Time
  - Type of test that will be performed

- As a reminder, testing for staff and families/students will occur at their building of attendance
STAFFING SHORTAGES
AREAS OF RECRUITMENT

● The District continues to recruit for:
  ○ Teacher aides
  ○ Food service workers
  ○ Custodians
SPOTLIGHT ON MUSIC CAPITAL PROJECT
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COMMUNITY FORUM

- The Board of Education will be hosting their first community forum on Saturday, October 16th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (noon) at Williamsville East High School
  - Information provided in the weekly video update and newsletter
  - Digital flyer available on social media and the District’s website
  - Reminder will be sent to families and staff on Wednesday
2024 TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE
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- Western New York is in the path of totality for the 2024 Total Solar Eclipse!
- Williamsville’s Planetarium Director Mark Percy is presenting to New York State School Boards Association on Thursday
- Communications team is working in coordination with the Planetarium to keep the public informed of this once in a lifetime event!
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