



BUFFALO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents and Caregivers:

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year!

We begin by welcoming Kathy Hochul to her historic new role as Governor of New York State and thank her for her strong stance on everyone's safety through a statewide mask mandate for all schools.

We are ready and excited to address the need for learning acceleration caused by the global COVID-19 pandemic. Our buildings are ready. Our academic and technology systems are ready. Our transportation systems are ready; however, be patient. Most importantly, our dedicated teachers and principals have eagerly and diligently prepared for this momentous full return to school. Without exception, all staff members in the Buffalo Public Schools are ready to welcome and serve your precious children.

Our preparation for success will be incomplete, however, unless you - parents and caregivers - fulfill your important roles at home. Please help your child experience all the success s/he deserves with these essentials:

1. If healthy, make sure your child is in school every day, all day.
2. Support your child with a quiet place in your residence for school work and additional study of up to two hours per day. Ask your child about his/her accomplishments in school every day and set high expectations for his/her performance.
3. Schedule your child for a wellness check with your primary care physician and feel free to reach out to school staff if you need help doing so. Make sure your child is up to date on all required immunizations.
4. Get fully vaccinated if you have not already done so. Schedule your child 12 years of age and older for a vaccine if you have not already done so.
5. If you have not done so, please turn in your children's computer devices at 1515 South Park Avenue, M-F 10:00am to 4:00pm, so we can refresh and redistribute them.

Thank you for partnering with us and fulfilling your role in your child's education. Join us in staying safe, working hard, valuing education, and remaining united in this generational undertaking. Slow down in your cars. Watch out for children. We excitedly anticipate next Wednesday, September 8, when we will greet your children with the cheerful return to classrooms we have all been waiting for!

Sincerely,

Dr. Kriner Cash
Superintendent

Attachments: Second copy of District Safety Protocols
The Education Bargain with Students and Parents

“Putting Children & Families First to Ensure High Academic Achievement for All”