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Greetings Buffalo Public Schools Students and Families,

Beginning September 8, 2021, our expectation is that all Buffalo Public School Pre-K – 12 students will return to in-person instruction five days per week, following appropriate Center for Disease Control and New York State Department of Health guidelines. Over the summer, District staff will work tirelessly to ensure your child returns to an intellectually and culturally rich building atmosphere that is safe and welcoming!

I am informing you of these plans now, as it is essential for you to plan and prepare for the coming school year. Meanwhile, the District will build student schedules, prepare our school buildings, coordinate transportation, and plan for deployment and scheduling of all staff.

If you are a parent or caregiver of a student who is new to the Buffalo Public Schools, please be sure to visit [www.buffaloschools.org](http://www.buffaloschools.org) and scroll down to the “Student Placement and Registration” logo to find easy directions for getting your child registered and enrolled.

**All children will automatically be enrolled for full-time, in-person instruction five days per week.** Remote instruction will **only** be offered for students with an eligible medical exemption after consultation with medical professionals and District staff.

**If** you are requesting that your child be enrolled in remote instruction as a medical exemption during school year 2021-22, you **must** provide the following information:

- Medical documentation dated **after July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021**, on a physician’s letterhead, signed by a medical professional
- Requests **must** be emailed to [medicalexemptions@buffaloschools.org](mailto:medicalexemptions@buffaloschools.org) or submitted via U.S. mail to Dr. Sharon Brown, Assistant Superintendent for Student Support Services; 427 City Hall, Buffalo, N.Y. 14202

You **will** be notified whether or not your medical petition for remote instruction has been approved.

Currently, we are excited to offer families many opportunities for support, acceleration and engagement this summer! Summer School 2021 has something for everyone. Registration is open now! I am encouraging families to take advantage of our robust summer programming. Parents can contact their child(ren)’s school(s) to register or can contact the Department of Extended Learning at (716) 816-4006 or [summerschool@buffaloschools.org](mailto:summerschool@buffaloschools.org). Further information can be found on our website.

Students and families are our highest priority, and student success drives every decision we make. We will keep you informed if we must make modifications to our 2021 Reopening Plan based on new federal and state guidelines.

I will keep you updated on our plans as we move forward. I encourage you, if you haven’t already, to get fully vaccinated as soon as possible. We look forward to a safe, successful, and transformational 2021-2022 school year. Have an enjoyable summer!

Respectfully,

Dr. Kriner Cash  
Superintendent

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