

Hancock Central School District

The Wildcat Pledge: We nurture and empower each learner's unlimited capacity to become a responsible citizen with a promising future.

Our Vision: Striving for excellence as an innovative, advanced and reflective school community.

Core Beliefs:

- **Our mindset:** We do whatever it takes to ensure continuous growth because we believe each of us can learn.
- **Collaboration:** We work better together, always.
- **Innovation:** We embrace creativity and advancing technology.
- **Integrity:** We trust, respect, support and care for one another.
- **Learning environment:** Our approach is engaging, learner-centered and adaptable to individual needs.
- **Student centered:** We put students first.

February 11, 2021

Dear Wildcat Parent/Guardian/Caretaker,

Since March 2020, HCSD administrators and staff have worked collaboratively to maintain the continuity of effective instruction and student learning in a safe environment. Now, national, state, and local health guidelines are changing to reflect both our increased knowledge of COVID-19 infection control and the critical need for children to be educated in person.

As a result, the Hancock Central School District will return to in-person instruction.

- **PreK-6:** Effective Tuesday, February 16, 2021, students will return to school, in person, five days per week. Wednesday remote instruction will end.
- **Grades 7-12:** Effective Monday, February 22, 2021, students will return to school, in person, four days per week-Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday. Wednesday remote instruction will continue.

The 'Cat Resurgence plan requires that all infection control procedures and protocols (face coverings, social distancing, handwashing, no use of hall lockers) be maintained. To accommodate the return of all students in Grades 7-12, clear barriers are being installed in the cafeteria and in classrooms. The health, safety, and welfare of our students, staff, and community is our highest priority.

Please contact your student's building administrator with questions or concerns. Families may request for a student to opt out of in-person instruction on a quarterly basis by submitting the enclosed application.

In accordance with the NYS Department of Education, students are expected to attend school every day, whether in person or remote. We will continue to provide safe, effective instruction for our students, and we are excited to welcome them back to in-person learning.

Sincerely,

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