



HADLEY LUZERNE CENTRAL SCHOOL



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Beecher Baker Sr.
Superintendent of Schools

*“Let us think of education as the means of
developing our greatest abilities.” JFK*

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you are enjoying your summer. With a little over a month left until the new school year, I have a lot of important information to share with you. As a reminder, this letter, as well as past updates, can be found [on our website's COVID-19 Updates page.](#)

District Reopening Plan

On Friday, July 31, 2020, an outline of our reopening plans was submitted to the State and a draft of the plan was [posted on our website](#) for you to review. Please keep in mind that this plan is subject to change. The State is taking this upcoming week to review the plans submitted by NYS districts, and ultimately, they will announce their final guidance on the reopening of school on August 7, 2020. We understand the stress of not knowing what may happen in the fall but we assure you that no matter the decision made by the State, we will always do our best in keeping our students, staff, and families safe.

New School Start Date

For the 2020-2021 school year, the district plans to push-back the first day of school to **Monday, September 14, 2020.** The goal in doing this is to set aside time for our faculty and staff to appropriately train and prepare for the many safety protocols that will be required for this upcoming year. The week prior to this opening date will be used as staff Superintendent Conference/Training Days.

Opt-out Information

Our plans for the upcoming school year (which are further detailed in the next paragraph) are to have students K-6 learn in-person every day and have 7-12 students work on a hybrid model (part in-person and part off-campus.) Per state guidelines, families will have the option to opt-out of in-person learning and choose the form of learning that fits best for their family. We will be contacting you within the next few weeks with more information on opt-out requirements.

Outline for Each School

The District Reopening Plan is a lengthy document that may be difficult to navigate, especially if you have particular questions in mind. Therefore, we have also provided outlines for each of our schools, to help parents get the key facts/information they may want to know. These outlines can again be found on our COVID-19 Updates page.

View: [Elementary School](#)

View: [Jr./Sr. High School](#)

Transportation

As you know, to plan for the new social distancing standards on busses, the district sent out a transportation survey last week to get a general idea of whether or not your child will be using school transportation. We kindly encourage all parents who are willing and able to transport your own child or children to and from school to do so for the 2020-2021 School Year. Many parents rely on school transportation, and we understand that will be an unfeasible request. However, having students that can avoid the use of school transportation frees up room on the bus for those that cannot make other arrangements. We will be reaching out again to families this summer to confirm transportation plans with each household.

Looking Ahead

The District will be updating parents/guardians in the upcoming weeks leading to the 2020-2021 school year. We know that there are many unanswered questions that you may have, so please do not hesitate to contact the school directly. We thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate through these uncertain times together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Beecher T. Baker Sr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

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