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Dear Cheektowaga-Sloan Families:

Recently, the New York State Education Department and the New York State Department of Health announced COVID-19 guidance for schools. We are so thankful that this guidance paves the way for our students to have a school experience that is much more comparable to that which they experienced prior to COVID-19.

In summary, **there will be no mask mandate, social distancing guidelines, or requirement for anyone to be tested or vaccinated.**

We will rely on parents and children, and our school employees, to monitor any symptoms and to remain home if that is required. I wanted to share that we have installed county-provided air purifiers that remove viruses, including COVID-19, from the air in every classroom. We will also continue to emphasize appropriate cough hygiene and hand washing.

Our goal will be to combine good common sense and our experiences that we have had in the last two and a half years to keep our schools safe for everyone.

The Board of Education, our Administrative Team, and our entire Staff remain steadfast in our commitment to ensure that our schools are safe places where every student and staff member can experience the enjoyment, importance, and positive connection that makes school meaningful.

We have linked information below that the New York State Department of Health has created for families and posted it to our website. While this resource is specific to COVID-19, I would encourage families to take these same precautions anytime you or your children are ill.

https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2022/08/2022-23-school-year-covid-19-school-faqs-for-parents-caregivers_8-22-22.pdf

Finally, and most importantly, it is always your children who bring the happiness to the work we do each day. We are filled with such excitement as we near the beginning of another school year especially as we prepare to welcome our students back to school on Wednesday, September 7. It is with genuine appreciation that we continue to embark on the beautiful journey of educating our children in partnership with all of you. Thank you for your trust as we begin another tremendous school year in Cheektowaga-Sloan.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools

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