September 14, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It was an exciting first week back and a wonderful start to the school year!

As we prepared for this school year, our plan was to bring back all of our comprehensive opportunities for students and their families. Our preparation included the ability to pivot any plan to ensure the integrity of what we value the most - the health and safety of our students/staff and face-to-face instruction.

Currently, we are experiencing positive COVID-19 cases within our school population and have a number of individuals in quarantine as required by the Erie County Department of Health. With this in mind, I am writing to share a slight modification of plans for our upcoming Open House opportunities. In order to be effective and efficient with communication for parents, we will shift our annual Open House programs to virtual settings as a precautionary measure:

- Tonight’s Open House program at Ellicott Elementary will transition to a virtual program at the previously scheduled time. Each teacher will notify parents directly regarding how to access the live meeting.
- Open House at the Orchard Park High School scheduled for Wednesday, September 15, 2021, has been postponed. Stay tuned for further information.
- Specific information regarding the remaining Open House details will be shared by each building principal over the course of the next few days. This may include potential changes of date/time.

Our partnership with our district families is essential to sustaining our guiding principles throughout the 2021-22 school year to ensure safety and maximizing in-person learning. Your flexibility and understanding are appreciated!

Sincerely,

David Lilleck
Superintendent of Schools