



## Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda Incoming Kindergarten Student Update June 2020

Dear Incoming Kindergarten Parent,

Welcome to the Ken-Ton School District! We are excited that you have chosen our district and are looking forward to welcoming you and your child to school in the fall. The past few months have been far from typical. Under normal circumstances, we would have been able to host a kindergarten orientation and started our screening process by this time. Unfortunately, we have not been able to do this as a result of the closures and social distancing requirements resulting from Covid-19 pandemic.

Please know that welcoming your child to his/her new school is of utmost priority for us and we recognize the value in easing into this process as it is such a big transition. It is also very important to us that we preserve the process of gathering the appropriate information from our families and our new Kindergarten students so we can best support this transition to the classroom. We are continuing to review the guidance from NYS, Erie County and the New York State Education Department so we can design safe and timely activities for screening and classroom introductions prior to our students' arrivals. While it may look different than in past years, we will ensure you and your child have ample opportunity to come into school and get familiar with procedures (some new) when students and staff have been cleared to return. We are committed to finding safe and timely ways to orient parents and have an opportunity for students to get familiar with their new surroundings.

For now, enjoy your summer. We plan to communicate with you later in the summer as we prepare our buildings for students returning, and for our youngest students to begin their K-12 journey with us. We know you may still have questions, so please feel free to reach out to your building principal with any questions and/or concerns.

Thank you for your continued support during this difficult time. We are Ken-Ton strong!

Sincerely,

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