



**Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda
Remote Learning to Hybrid Learning Change Opportunity**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

We are in the process of planning for the phasing in of a hybrid schedule (in our buildings) and the return of our K-4 elementary students including K-4 self-contained. **Our records indicate that you have selected Virtual Learning through January 2021.**

For our K-4 students ONLY, those students who requested a fully remote model will begin working with a dedicated KT remote teacher for their ELA and Math lessons beginning on October 13. Please note, this does not impact any students in grades 5-12. For elementary only, the district will assign a remote teacher in order to best address the unique needs of elementary students that allows for flexibility to work within and across learning models. The district has worked tirelessly to ensure that all fully remote students have the opportunity for dedicated learning time that meets the developmental needs of our youngest students.

In addition, you can expect the times of synchronous “live” instruction to change in the fully remote model, but may now be scheduled at any time throughout the school day. Either way, we are committed to providing instruction for families who selected fully Virtual Learning through January 2021.

In order to confirm the dedicated remote teachers, we are asking families to re-confirm their commitment to a fully remote model at this time. **At this time, you may switch from fully Virtual Learning to Hybrid (M, T or Th. Fri.) by calling your child’s school.** We ask that you let your school know by the end of the day Friday, Sept. 25, and will continue to accept requests by the end of the day Monday, Sept. 28. We are providing this option because of the extensive safety procedures and protocols which have been put into place and our confidence that schools will be 100% ready to phase in a hybrid schedule beginning Oct. 13. Please note that if you choose to return to hybrid, there will not be an option to return to the fully remote model.

We appreciate your continued support during this pandemic. We know you may still have questions, so please feel free to reach out to your building principal with any questions and/or concerns. We are Ken-Ton strong!

Sincerely,

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COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- Vast quantities of PPE have been secured including disposable/reusable masks, KN95 masks, reusable face shields, reusable goggles, and disposable gloves
- Masks are required to be worn at all times by students/staff (more information below)
- All K-4 classrooms will be equipped with polycarbonate dividers on each desk



School Day Logistics

- Arrival/dismissal will be carefully controlled to minimize close contact
- Building visitors will be restricted
- Building capacity will be minimized through the implementation of the hybrid schedule
- Students will be cohorted (grouped) throughout the day
- Assigned seating will be used to aid in contact tracing
- Special area teachers will come to the classroom
- Students will eat in the classroom
- Students will not share desks or supplies
- Desks and seats will be spread out to facilitate social distancing
- In-person assemblies will not take place

Masks & Social Distancing

- Masks will be worn at all times by students and staff
- All students will be provided a reusable cloth mask with the school logo
- Controlled, scheduled mask breaks will be practiced per Department of Health guidelines
- Students will be separated by 6 feet at all times (12 feet at other instances such as PE)



Daily Safety Practices

- Effective and thorough hand-washing and sanitizing will be encouraged throughout the day
- Bathrooms are equipped with touchless soap dispensers
- Each classroom will be equipped with a touchless hand sanitizer dispenser
- Students will use touchless water bottle fill stations in place of drinking fountains

Bus Safety

- Hundreds of parents have opted to transport their own children
- Masks will be required on buses
- Students will be spread out/separated
- Assigned student seating/loading procedures to aid in contact tracing and minimize close contact
- Buses are equipped with a safe and effective cleaner for high-touch surfaces after each run
- Buses will be disinfected and cleaned daily



Enhanced Cleaning & Sanitizing

- Enhanced routine cleaning and disinfecting of facilities will be conducted daily
- Custodians are equipped with Protexus Electrostatic Sprayers, an advanced disinfectant applicator
- Each classroom is equipped with microfiber wipes and spray bottles for routine daily cleaning
- Disposable sanitizing wipes are in every classroom for high-touch areas
- Cleaning/disinfecting supplies are safe and consistent with state/federal requirements

Daily Health Screenings

- Employees and students/parents will be required to complete a daily attestation confirming they do not have a fever, do not exhibit COVID-19 symptoms, and are not at risk of infecting others
- Thermal scanners are installed at designated entrances to check temperatures upon entry
- Staff/nurses will monitor for fever or symptoms consistent with COVID-19
- Students exhibiting a fever or symptoms will be isolated and sent home per Department of Health guidelines
- Schools will follow DOH-established return-to-school protocols for all students/staff

