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Dear Oneonta City School District Students, Parents, Faculty, Staff, and Community,

I wanted to write to simply share what our “next” may be as we prepare for reopening our schools. I can tell you that there are way more questions than answers right now as we await guidance and a decision about reopening from the State. We have heard that schools will be authorized to reopen on a regionalized basis based on a host of health and medical data concerning the status of COVID-19. As such, schools will be able to reopen in one of four capacities:

- 1) Open in September without restrictions
- 2) Open in September while maintaining all of the pre-closure COVID-19 precautions.
- 3) Open in some form of a hybrid format wherein some students are on campus and others home learning.
- 4) Starting the school year while continuing this home learning format.

We have begun holding some faculty and staff forums wherein we simply pose questions related to opening in any capacity. These questions are categorized based on who, or what organization is best positioned to answer them whether it is school attorneys, the Otsego County and/or Delaware County Department of Health, our BOCES, etc. Once we receive answers to these questions, we are simply compiling a running question and answer sheet.

You, as parents and guardians, have questions too. Many questions will rely on decisions and guidance from Governor Cuomo, the NY State Education Department, as well as our state and local departments of health. However, we would like to field your questions and create a running question and answer sheet for parents, guardians, and students for reference purposes. [Click here to submit your question\(s\)](#). You will also find this link on our website banner. Questions will be answered and then posted under the heading **“OCSD Return-to-School FAQ”** on our Web page where you may reference at any time.

We are excited at the prospect of being back in school. At this point, there is still a lot of uncertainty as to what school will look like in September. Having a place where you can pose a question or make a suggestion is important. As more information is released from the State, I will continue to share with you all. Until then, please visit our website at: [www.oneontacsd.org](http://www.oneontacsd.org) and pose a question, or find an answer to a question that you may have.

Wishing you all safety, happiness, and health throughout this coming summer and well beyond.