

# It's Official – 4-Day-A-Week In-Person Learning Starts April 19

We are pleased to announce that the Greece Central School District is moving forward with its spring reopening proposal. Beginning the week of April 19, students will either learn in school every day but Wednesday or be fully remote.



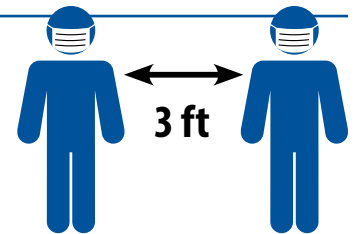
Here's why we can and should welcome more students back.

## The Science Has Changed, Even Though The NYS Guidance Has Not

A lot has changed in the nine months since New York State released its school reopening guidance. We now know that COVID-19 is rarely transmitted in schools. Scientific studies have shown that three-foot distancing in schools is safe with universal masking. Updated CDC guidance also supports schools reopening more broadly.

### Barriers Make 3-Foot Distancing Possible

Greece took a conservative approach when we reopened in September and maintained six-foot distancing. New York State requires the use of physical barriers whenever students cannot be six feet apart. As we transition to three-foot distancing, polycarbonate barriers will be added to classrooms.



### All Safety COVID Measures Remain Intact

Safety will remain a priority for students and staff when we reunite on April 19. Everyone on campus will still be required to wear a mask, remain socially distant, wash or sanitize their hands frequently, practice proper respiratory etiquette, and stay home at the first sign of illness. Additionally, detailed cleaning and disinfecting protocols will remain in place.

### Vaccination Rates Are Rising

A growing percentage of school employees report that they are fully vaccinated and even more have received at least one dose of the vaccine. Despite the recent uptick in the number of teens testing positive for COVID-19, transmission is not occurring in schools.



### Learning Recovery Cannot Wait

We believe strongly that students will benefit greatly from 10 weeks of in-person instruction. Reuniting for the fourth quarter will allow teachers to identify learning gaps and help get students back on track. For many, the yearlong pandemic has also impacted mental health and social-emotional well-being. Schools will provide enhanced academic and social-emotional support to students in need.

*We're excited about this next phase of our academic year.*