



# *Akron Central School District*

## *In Pursuit of Excellence*

*Patrick D. McCabe*  
*Superintendent of Schools*

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Dear Akron Schools Community:

I hope that you are enjoying your summer and are able to spend quality time with friends and family.

As you may know, the New York State Department of Health will not be issuing guidance to school districts and has directed school officials to work in collaboration with local health departments to plan in-person learning this fall. In response, the Erie County Department of Health (ECDOH) has stated that their office of epidemiology and school team are reviewing existing school guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the American Academy of Pediatrics, along with analyzing COVID-19 transmission within the county, in order to formulate guidelines for school districts.

ECDOH guidelines are expected to contain clear directives on key issues such as masking, social distancing, screening tests, and monitoring of infections. At this time, we are awaiting further communication from the ECDOH and the County Executive on these matters. A timeline for this information to be released has not been provided.

Please know that we understand the frustrations many are experiencing over the current lack of clear directives. We want to emphasize that we, along with the other area Districts, continue to emphasize to ECDOH the critical need to be able to provide our students with 5 full days of in-person learning throughout the upcoming school year.

Our preparations continue to center on the continuity of teaching and learning as well as the health and safety of our school community. We will be providing additional detail for students, staff, and parents as soon as possible, and appreciate your ongoing patience throughout the ever-changing circumstances of this pandemic.

We look forward to opening our schools and welcoming students back on September 7, 2021.

Sincerely,

Patrick D. McCabe  
Superintendent of Schools