

# GREECE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## UPDATE #1

## SPRING REOPENING

MARCH 23, 2021

*Dear Greece Central Families and Staff:*

When I wrote to you last week I said I was confident that we could safely return to four days a week of in-person learning on April 19. I shared that for a few reasons:

- The CDC released new guidance for opening schools
- We continue to hear that New York State officials (NYSDOH) will be updating the opening school guidance that was adopted in August

Updating the New York State guidance is absolutely necessary given we are in a different place with COVID-19. Our community infection rate is low and in school transmission is almost nonexistent. Furthermore, we have learned a great deal from current research and data collected nationally and globally related to social distancing. Unfortunately, New York State officials remain silent on this. The fact that we have all adjusted and changed throughout this pandemic yet the NYSDOH has not changed their guidance is unacceptable.

We continue to plan to reopen on April 19 and I wholeheartedly believe we can do it safely with only one minor adjustment to the guidance. With a reduction in the social distancing requirement from six feet to three feet we believe will be able to safely accommodate our proposed model. Every other COVID safety measure will remain intact.

Today, I along with a collective of Monroe County Superintendents, sent a [joint letter](#) to Governor Cuomo and NYS Health Commissioner Dr. Howard Zucker asking them to follow the science and reduce physical distancing requirements in schools.

We respectfully request that you join us in advocating for an update regarding the ongoing requests for reduced social distancing. In the box (*at right*) are the contact names, common phone number and email addresses of the NYS Department of Health.

I remain 100% committed to reopening April 19. We can no longer sit idly by waiting for the state to do what's best for students, therefore, we continue to prepare for a return to four-day in-person school weeks. Should the state respond to our reopening plan or release updated guidance, I will reach out with next steps.

Enjoy Spring Break and please remain COVID safe whether you're traveling or staying local.

Sincerely,



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**PLEASE NOTE:** Items outlined  
are subject to change.

### Spring Reopening Plan Submitted to State Officials

Greece Central School District leaders today submitted a formal **Spring 2021 Reopening Plan** to New York State officials for review and approval. The plan is modeled after the July 2020 plan Greece successfully submitted before reopening in September. The revised plan maintains all of the original assurance areas and updates language on social distancing to reflect a switch from six feet to three feet. We intend to bring larger numbers of students back to school more frequently in the fourth marking period (April 19) abiding by the assurances as described.

### 3-8 Assessments Will Continue This Spring

Please be advised that New York State is still requiring all districts to conduct 3-8 assessments this spring. Please read [the linked letter](#) for information about the shortened dates of testing for ELA, math and science. It is important to note that the results of the assessments will not be used as part of the state accountability system for teachers or schools. They provide parents and teachers with a short narrative of each students' strengths and opportunities for growth as related to the competencies measured on the assessment. Parents who wish to refuse any or all of the assessments for their child, must submit a request in writing to the school principal with a listing of any or all of the assessments they are refusing.

### Second Trimester Elementary Report Cards Sent This Week

Elementary students who attend school in-person should have received a copy of their second trimester report card on

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either Thursday or Friday of this week. Report cards were mailed to elementary school students who are part of the 100% remote learning model and should arrive in homes next week.

## Calendar Update

### ***April 30 is a School Day***

The scoring/professional development day originally scheduled for grades PreK-8 on April 30 has been cancelled. Students in all grade levels will now have school that Friday. Please adjust your personal calendars accordingly.

### ***2021-22 School Calendar Approved***

The Board of Education this week approved the **2021-22 School Calendar**.

February Break runs from Feb. 21-25 and Spring Break is April 15-22 next year. Click on the link above for a complete look at the new calendar.

## Spring Break – No School March 29-April 2

### ***Free Meals Offered March 29-April 1***

The Food Service Department will be providing free meal pick-up for students from across the district out of one location during Spring Break. Come to Odyssey Academy, 750 Maiden Lane, from 9-10 a.m. Monday-Thursday March 29-April 1 to receive both breakfast and lunch. They will provide double meals on Thursday to cover for Friday.

## TechSpot Closed Over Spring Break

Greece Central School District's TechSpot will be closed during Spring Break, March 29-April 2. They will reopen inside Door 5 at Odyssey Academy at 9 a.m. on Monday, April 5.

*PLEASE NOTE: Due to the time-sensitive nature of this information, this update has been sent in English. This document can be translated into your language of choice by clicking [here](#). Should you need further assistance translating it into your preferred language, please email your child's principal to arrange for an interpreter to contact you. Please include the best phone number at which to reach you.*