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## Message from the Superintendent

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Dear Tuckahoe Families:

We are at a critical juncture in our national fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. The number of cases are increasing throughout Westchester County. Last week the Governor implemented a cluster zone strategy that identifies areas with high rates and places restrictions designed to limit the spread of COVID-19 in a community. The mandate could have an impact on our school district's ability to remain open.

Yellow is the least restrictive of the three micro-cluster zones set up by the state to limit the spread of the virus in areas with high rates of infection. There are currently four districts in the yellow zone in Westchester and one in the orange zone. Schools in the yellow zone need to test 20% of students and staff within two weeks of getting the designation and, depending on the results, may have to do weekly testing for schools to remain open. Our district would have to return to all-remote instruction if we can't satisfy the state's requirements.

Our commitment is to continue to provide in-person instruction for our students when health and safety conditions allow us to do so. To maintain in-person instruction requires your relentless vigilance. Social distancing, gatherings, and failure to wear a mask are the biggest threat to school and community health. For schools to remain open we ask for all families to remain committed to practicing good public health habits and follow the mandates of limiting gatherings, wearing a mask, social distancing, and handwashing. We ask that everyone be mindful of restrictions and NYS quarantine requirements associated with any travel.

The district is proud that we were able to start the school year with K-3 and special education students learning in-person. We are on-track to adding 4th and 5th graders to in-person learning in the next few weeks. The middle school and high school currently offers hybrid instruction. We always have a fully remote option as we respect families who feel this is appropriate for their children. Our teachers and staff have worked relentlessly on providing Tuckahoe students an education that is both innovative and engaging.

Whether or not we are able to offer in-person schooling for students continues to be up to each community member making decisions to follow mandates to reduce the spread of this virus.

Sincerely,

**Dr. Amy Goodman**  
**Superintendent**

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