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Special Message to Parents/Guardians Regarding Children who are Diagnosed as Immunocompromised

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Dear Cheektowaga-Sloan Parent/Guardian,

I am writing to update our families regarding the return to school in September. We remain optimistic that we will be opening schools at full capacity this fall and are currently planning and preparing our buildings for a full five days per week of in-person learning for all students. However, it is important to note that updated guidance on reopening schools in September has still not yet been provided to us by New York State. In absence of that guidance, we are working hard to prepare for a full return and are doing what we can to prepare for some of the possible requirements that may be included in it.

As I mentioned in a letter sent to you in June, we are not anticipating the State requiring a remote option for students next school year. However, we are being cautious and want to be prepared to offer a remote learning option should we have immunocompromised students who may require such a setting. In preparing for this possibility, we are partnering with Erie 1 BOCES to provide this remote learning to our qualifying students. Students enrolled in this remote school setting would be taught by certified teachers from BOCES with other students from the area who also require this special accommodation.

If your child has been diagnosed by a doctor as having a **compromised immune system**, and that doctor believes that your child's return to a regular school setting poses a danger due to that condition, please contact Mrs. Jessica Emmerling, our Director of Special Education and Student Services, **at 897-7800 ext. 1118 no later than Wednesday, July 28, 2021**. If she is not available, please leave a message and you will receive a call back as soon as possible.

Please note that a written diagnosis of the condition, a doctor's note and contact information for that doctor will be required in order for remote instruction at BOCES to be considered.

After we receive updated guidance from New York State and understand its implications for reopening schools this fall, we will communicate that with you as soon as possible. Thank you so much for your continued support and cooperation.

Sincerely,

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