June 11, 2020

Dear Churchville-Chili families:

It’s hard to believe we are one week away from the end of the year. The concept of time has certainly been altered since mid-March, especially in light of learning at home. I want to thank you, again, for your patience, understanding and commitment to supporting your child’s learning for the last three months. I know there have been challenges and frustrations along the way for all of us, but your perseverance has made a difference for your children. Our staff looks forward to next week with all of the school based visits or parades to celebrate the end of the school year. We are feeling sentimental about our seniors who are graduating. The joy of celebrating their years of education and success, but at the same time recognizing how their year has been anything but normal, and missing their special spring events, concerts, athletic events, robotics, art shows, etc. This school year and the class of 2020 will always be remembered.

While we still don’t know what “back to school” will look like in the fall, we want to be prepared for any circumstance we may face. To that end, we have created this brief survey in hopes that you will provide feedback specific to at-home learning. There are four sections of the survey, general questions and then questions related to grades K-4, 5-8 and 9-12. Please answer all questions that pertain to your specific household.

We would also like to hear from our students in grades 5-12 regarding their at-home digital learning experience. English teachers, 5-12, will be posting a survey on their Google pages early next week. If your child is unable to access the survey via Google, please use this link to complete the student survey.

As a reminder, we have also asked that you complete this questionnaire about transportation needs for the 2020-21 school year. Completing this questionnaire will help in route planning and bus assignments for the upcoming school year. If you have already completed the transportation questionnaire, you do not need to submit another response.

There have been many questions in regards to a reopening plan for the fall. We will be using guidance from the State Education Department and the Department of Health to develop our plan. We are creating several committees to complete this work. The committees will focus upon the following areas: teaching and learning (including equity and family needs and social, emotional health), health and safety, school operations (including transportation and nutritional services), and human resources/staffing. More information will be provided in July as our committees begin to meet and plans start to develop.
For your awareness, there are a few scams occurring locally and across the state. We have recently learned that fraudulent unemployment claims are being filed by an unknown third party. Once the individual receives communication from unemployment, the money is diverted to an out of area account. If you suspect you are a victim, contact NYS Unemployment at 1-888-598-2077 or report your false claim here. The second scam is related to COVID-19 contact tracing. Under no circumstances will health officials solicit personal identification information via telephone. If you receive a call, be sure to refrain from providing any personal information.

Sincerely,

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