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Good afternoon,

We are more than a month into the school year, and it is truly a blessing to see the staff and students back in the classrooms. We continue to be diligent in reinforcing the need for face coverings and social distancing. Our building maintenance staff has done a great job keeping our building clean and disinfected. Our success speaks to the combined efforts of our students, our staff, and our families and I couldn't be more proud of the work everyone has done.

I have made a couple of additions to our reopening plan. If you review it, you will note the addition of the Department of Health toolkit that provides a flow chart to assist in answering the question of whether a student or staff member should come to school. The toolkit, plus the questions we would need to answer for the Oneida County Department of Health contact tracing can be found at the end of the plan under the addendum.

As you may have heard, the free lunch program available through a USDA grant has been extended through the school year. As you may remember, the grant was originally set to expire the end of December.

As always, please contact the school if there are any questions.

Please stay safe,  
Joanne Shelmidine, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools