The mission of the Three Village Central School District, in concert with its families and community, is to provide an educational environment which will enable each student to achieve a high level of academic proficiency and to become a well-rounded individual who is an involved, responsible citizen.

THREE VILLAGE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Cheryl Pedisich
Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Three Village School Community,

As the start of school is rapidly approaching, I am writing today with a few important updates regarding the 2020-21 academic year.

First and foremost, I want to thank all of our families and staff for their continued support and input throughout the summer, especially as we developed plans for what will certainly be a unique school year. Throughout the planning process, I know that many had questions about what school would look like in September and the learning options available for our students. I am thankful to those who joined us in asking many important questions during our virtual community forums. I was encouraged by the dialogue that transpired during each of those meetings and urge those who were unable to attend to visit our reopening page to view recordings from those forums and to review details on the plans and procedures we will have in place this year. Also, please continue to visit our FAQ document which will provide continuous updates.

Based on the input from parents, the district has committed to simultaneously implementing two instructional models this year. A full-time, in-person instructional plan will be provided to all students in grades K-12, as well as an optional fully remote plan. We recognize that the choice of which instructional model to enroll in is a personal one for our families, and we remain committed to supporting the individual decisions that are made. As our district believes we can safely meet the needs of our students through both of these models, a hybrid learning plan will not be offered at any level this year. Student/teacher assignments at the elementary level will be released on Tuesday, September 1 and all secondary schedules will also be made available on Tuesday, September 1. This information applies to students attending in-school as well as those learning remotely. Elementary principals will provide correspondence to kindergarten families with regard to kindergarten playdates and teacher assignments.

In addition, this year will bring several changes to our instructional offerings in order to properly meet the guidelines we have in place and best support our students. To provide greater focus on the core academic subjects, the district will be suspending our elementary STEM program for the 2020-21 school year. While the program is on hold, the district will make available enrichment activities and videos designed to continue to engage students in STEM-based learning and optional programming. At the secondary level, some of the electives have been collapsed and/or suspended for the year to reduce class size in all disciplines.

Earlier this week, Governor Cuomo provided an update regarding fall athletics, stating that they could begin September 21. However, the path forward with regard to this subject and what will actually be permitted is still unclear. It is anticipated that the district will receive further guidance from the agencies that govern this matter.

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– the New York State Public High School Athletic Association and Section XI Athletics – by the end of this week. Once that update is provided, the district will be sure to communicate the details with our families.

As a reminder, our official first day of school will be Tuesday, September 8. Please visit the calendar section of our district website for an overview of our 2020-21 school calendar. Recognizing that many of our events and operations – in particular, those activities our buildings would traditionally hold during the year – may need to be reimagined, postponed or canceled given current guidelines, the district will not be printing hard copies of the calendar this year. However, a PDF copy of the calendar, which includes placeholder dates for events our schools hope to conduct this year, will be posted to our website early next week. This document should be considered a reference guide for families this year, as it is largely subject to change or modification. To stay current on the events/activities planned, all are encouraged to review our electronic and interactive calendar, which will be updated on a consistent basis this year.

I once again thank our Three Village families and staff for being our partners in education, this past year and always. Please enjoy the remainder of the summer vacation. We look forward to starting the new year together.

Best regards,

Cheryl Pedisich
Superintendent of Schools