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Dear Wyoming Indian Families;

On April 9, 2021 we were sent the new guidance for opening schools. Yes, you're correct, we have been in session five days a week since September. However, our reopening plan for September is a living document. Over the course of the school year we have changed some minor things and are giving you the opportunity to comment on these changes until June 10, 2021. We also have to let NY State know some changes were made. Most of these changes happened when we had 58 students quarantined. We have maintained these updates so we could continue to stay open.

We would like to continue as we are now to finish out the last nine weeks of school. We will relook at our plan again for September over the summer.

A couple of new rulings are:

- Objects may now be shared if students wash their hands before and after class where object was shared and the object is cleaned after each class. This is a plus: PE can play ball, recess can now share a ball or the students can play more freely.
- Gaiters: If they are worn they must be two layers. They can fold them over, wear two, or forgo them and just wear a mask.
 - Here is the directive from the department of health.
.."under the school guidance it is very specific in using the term face mask not face covering. So as we look to the definition of a face mask it is defined as (1) Two or more layers of breathable fabric (2) Completely covers your nose and mouth and (3) Fits snugly against the sides of your face and doesn't have gaps. So, to the use of **gaiters** in meeting this requirement, if the gaiter has **two layers OR is folded** to make two layers it would be acceptable. **Bandanas are not considered an acceptable face mask, they are considered a face covering.**"
- Band, Chorus and PE can now be six feet apart verses twelve feet apart.

We wish you the best for the rest of the year,

Kathleen E. Schuessler

Superintendent

Wyoming Central School

Changes in Reopening Plan for Wyoming Central School

- We moved to masks full time in December when we had 58 students quarantined except for eating and drinking. We also, according to our plan, have maintained the 6 feet between desks and as close to that as possible in the cafeteria.
- We can move chorus, band and PE students to 6 feet, they were 12.
- We also can have students share an object as long as they wash before and after use and the object is also cleaned between classes.
- Gaiters will need to be two layers of material or folded over to be worn. (New guidance from DOH)
- Objects may now be shared if students wash their hands before and after class where object was shared and the object is cleaned after each class.

Let's maintain for the last 9 ½ weeks of school. Relook at plan over the summer and make any changes necessary.