



# GERMANTOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL

123 MAIN STREET  
GERMANTOWN, NY 12526

August 11, 2022

Dear Germantown Central School District Community,

We hope this letter finds you resting and enjoying your summer break.

The 2022-2023 school year is rapidly approaching, and we want to ensure you are prepared for the Germantown Central School District's post-pandemic expectations. To start, we will open the school as we closed last school year regarding Covid-19. Unless we have a new direction from the state, there are no mandatory masks, proper social distancing will be encouraged, and athletics and after-school activities will resume as normal. Please understand that these guidelines are subject to change based on the Governor's office, NYSED, and the Department of Health.

This summer, the administrative team focused on many important improvements needed to support our students and our community. We reviewed our safety plans, added additional cameras to the district building, implemented a construction CTE course, reviewed student-driven programs, and developed plans to support post-pandemic growth. As we begin an exciting new school year, we will focus on academic rigor, pre-pandemic routines, student/staff safety, and strengthening our PreK-12<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum. We will remain diligent and focused on challenging our students to be college and career ready. Together, we will focus on accountability, attendance, and achievement. We look forward to working together with our community and our parents as we pursue post-pandemic opportunities to help every student succeed. We believe that every child and adult should have a safe and purposeful environment to be successful. The Germantown Central School District's goals are attached hereto:

1. Provide a safe, inclusive, welcoming environment for all;
2. Promote community engagement;
3. Strengthen and implement innovative Prek-12 curriculum;
4. Re-establish Pre-pandemic school routines

The Germantown Central School District has added several professionals to the Germantown community. We would like to officially announce the following professionals joining our team:

Brooke Hapeman – Physical Education

Sierra Wessel -Teaching Assistant

Emily McQuaid – Music Teacher

Emma Brooks – Teaching Assistant

Casey Britton – Special Education

Kristin Hoffman – Teaching Assistant

Micaela Morrison – Teaching Assistant

Maritza LaDuc – Spanish Teacher



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I have enclosed the Free and Reduced Lunch forms in this letter. Please feel free to fill these forms out and return them to *Susan Frank, Shared Food Service Specialist, Capital Region BOCES, 900 Watervliet Shaker Rd, Albany, NY 12205, or email to [susan.frank@neric.org](mailto:susan.frank@neric.org)*. Also enclosed is the one-page District calendar for your reference.

The District will continue to provide updates through our website, Facebook, weekly Superintendent briefings, mailings, email, text messages, and phone calls. Please make sure the District has your up-to-date communication tools so we can continue transparent communications.

A special thank you to our custodial and maintenance staff for preparing our classrooms and academic hallways for our students. We appreciate your hard work and dedication to our school community.

More information will be forthcoming from your building principals regarding specifics for each level soon.

Excitement fills the air at Germantown Central School District as we welcome back our students and community to a post-pandemic year. Enjoy your remaining time off and continue to spend time with family and friends. We are looking forward to a successful year filled with achievement and growth.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Board of Education