

August 6, 2021

Dear Germantown Community,

As you may be aware, school districts were notified yesterday <u>via a statement from Dr. Howard</u> <u>Zucker</u> that neither the Governor nor the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) will be issuing guidance for schools to open safely in September. School districts across our region and state have been anxiously awaiting updated guidance, as we had been advised that guidance was in development and forthcoming. Districts were not informed we had been "reestablished as the controlling entity for schools" with the end of the state disaster emergency as described in Dr. Zucker's statement.

Our district has been in constant communication with our BOCES and other district superintendents from Columbia, Rensselaer and Greene counties to begin to develop a document that outlines a regional plan. Once finalized, this document will be submitted to county Departments of Health for their consideration.

We will keep our school community updated as more information becomes available and as we work to develop a plan for the upcoming school year. We thank you for your continued patience.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Bragg Superintendent of Schools Germantown Central School District