



## Erie 1 BOCES Instructional Services

Alternative Education | Career and Technical Education | Special Education

### Re: Elementary Level Return to Full, In-Person Learning

March 29, 2021

Dear Erie 1 BOCES Families,

Working within the current guidelines of the NYS and the Erie County Departments of Health and after careful review of facilities and processes, we are pleased to announce the following change to programming:

Effective, April 12, 2021 the Exceptional Education Division will be returning to a full, **five day per week in-person schedule** for all Kindergarten to Grade 5 classrooms and some 6<sup>th</sup> Grade classes including the following locations:

- Maryvale Primary
- Maryvale Intermediate
- RISE Grade K-6 Only (at Northtowns Academy)
- West Seneca West Elementary
- Erie 1 BOCES classes held in the following schools:
  - Armor Elementary (Hamburg)
  - Cayuga Heights (Depew)
  - Como Park (Lancaster)
  - Willowridge (classes currently at NTA)

If your family has selected to learn fully remote this year, you may continue doing so. If you would like to discuss options for returning to in-person instruction or if you would prefer to remain in the hybrid model, please contact your child's principal for information.

At this time, **our hybrid model remains in place for all other grade levels and programs at Erie 1 BOCES**. This is due in part to the regional rate of COVID-19 transmission as well as our ability to maintain safe, socially distanced practices in accordance with the current guidelines of the NYS and Erie County Departments of Health.

While our goal is a return to full-time, in-person learning for all students, we are still awaiting clarification from the NYS and Erie County Departments of Health in consideration of the new CDC guidance for K-12 schools. We will notify you as soon as additional information becomes available.

As always, we thank you for being a part of the E1B family and please feel free to reach out to any one of us or your child's principal for more information.

Sincerely,

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