



## UTICA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

929 York Street  
Utica, NY 13502

### **Public Comment Scheduled for Thursday, April 15, 2021 beginning at 5:30 P.M. to Provide Feedback on the Utica City School District's Reopening Plan based on the Updated COVID-19 Guidance from the New York State Department of Health Released on April 9, 2021**

On Tuesday, March 23, 2021, the Utica City School District's Board of Education voted to approve the return of Elementary K-6 students, Middle School students in Grades 7-8 and High School students in Grades 11-12 to full time in-person learning five (5) days per week beginning on Monday, April 12, 2021 due to the significant decrease in the COVID-19 positivity rate and the increased vaccine distribution to teachers, parents and grandparents.

The decision to transition to full time in-person instruction as described above was made possible by the guidance released on Friday, March 19, 2021 by the United States Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and the strategies and guidelines released by the Oneida County Health Department on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 reducing physical distancing in classrooms from six (6) feet to three (3) feet.

On Friday, April 9, 2021 the New York State Department of Health released updated COVID-19 health and safety guidance allowing for the reduction of physical distancing from six (6) feet to three (3) feet in classrooms based on the United States Centers for Disease Control's March 19, 2021 guidance.

The school district has scheduled public comment for Thursday, April 15, 2021 beginning at 5:30 P.M. on the Utica City School District's Reopening Plan based on the updated guidance from the New York State Department of Health *Interim Guidance for In-Person Instruction at Pre-K to Grade 12 Schools During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency*, including the reduction of physical distancing, which was released on Friday, April 9, 2021.

Should you wish to comment, please register for public comment at the following link:

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