



UTICA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

929 York Street
Utica, NY 13502

Utica City School District to Transition to Full time In-Person Instruction five (5) days per week for Elementary K-6 students, Middle School students in Grades 7 & 8, and High School students in Grades 11 & 12 beginning on Monday, April 12, 2021

This announcement is to inform all staff, parents and students that the Utica City School District will be returning 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.

This transition plan was approved by the Utica City School District Board of Education during the Board of Education meeting held on Tuesday, March 23, 2021.

The decision to transition to full time in-person instruction as described above is a direct result of new guidance released on Friday, March 19, 2021 by the United States Centers for Disease Control (CDC) which reduced physical distancing among students in schools from six (6) feet to three (3) feet. In addition, the Oneida County Health Department also released guidelines and strategies on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 reducing physical distancing in classrooms and on school buses.

The purpose of the new guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Oneida County Health Department is to enable schools to allow for more in-person learning and for the return of students to full in-person instruction where possible.

Upon implementation of full time in-person instruction (5) days per week, students will continue to follow their schedules that are currently in place. Parents will still have the option to keep their child home for full remote instruction. Fully remote students will continue to receive live synchronous instruction from their classroom teacher according to their current schedule.

The school district will carefully assess the return of 9th and 10th grade students based on the successful transition of 11th and 12th grade students back to the building and the high school's capacity to effectively return all students to Proctor's campus in accordance with the current health and safety guidelines. Please remember that Proctor High School has nearly 3,000 students which will require very careful additional planning and consideration.