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Dear Rochester City School District Families,

You are receiving this letter because our records indicate that you selected the fully remote learning option for your child to start the 2021-2022 school year.

As you are aware, the RCSD will begin the next school year, in-person five days a week, on September 8, 2021. This plan is contingent on guidelines established by the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH).

With the increasing number of vaccinated New Yorkers, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and NYSDOH have relaxed some of the guidelines around social distancing and mask wearing. As a result, we believe the State may require all students be enrolled for full-time, in-person instruction five days a week, with remote instruction only offered for students with an eligible medical exemption.

I am alerting you to the possibility of this requirement now in the event the State moves in this direction. If you would like to request that your child be enrolled in remote instruction as a medical exemption during the 2021-2022 school year, you will need to provide the following information:

- Medical documentation dated after July 1, 2021, on a physician's letterhead, signed by a medical professional
- Requests must be emailed to [medicalexemption@rcsdk12.org](mailto:medicalexemption@rcsdk12.org) or mailed/dropped offed in an envelope marked "CONFIDENTIAL" to the District's Coordinator of Student Health Services, 131 West Broad Street, Rochester, NY 14614

We will notify you whether or not your child's medical exemption is approved. I will keep you informed should we need to make modifications to our current plan based on new information and guidelines from New York State.

Students are our first priority, and they drive each decision we make. If you haven't done so already, I encourage you to get fully vaccinated as soon as possible. Vaccine clinics are available in some of our schools over the summer months thanks to a partnership with Walgreens. For more information, please contact your child's school. I hope you enjoy a peaceful, safe, and happy summer, and we all look forward to seeing you in September!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lesli C. Myers-Small".

Dr. Lesli C. Myers-Small  
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