

MEDIA STATEMENT FROM THE  
LANCASTER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the days since announcing that we will be reopening our schools on Monday December 14, 2020, the Board of Education of the Lancaster Central School District has received feedback in response to that decision. We have heard gratitude and praise for our administrators, teachers, and staff for making this possible, and we have also heard some handfuls of concerns. We recognize and understand that there are differing and strong opinions on both sides of this topic. We want to assure all of our stakeholders that the decision to reopen our schools was not made lightly. It was based on facts and data regarding the safety and well-being of our students, faculty and staff. The information from the CDC, and from our State and Local health officials is that schools are safe. In fact, Governor Cuomo's press conference today confirmed that the facts show that schools are "much safer than local communities". We know that being in school is most educationally-sound for our students. For all of these reasons, among others, we unanimously support Dr. Vallely as superintendent of our schools and his decision to reopen our schools.

Michael Sage, President  
Lancaster Central School District Board of Education  
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