



### **Dear Parents, Guardians and School Community Members:**

As I anticipate my 21st reopening of school here in Whitesboro, I never could have imagined the prior year would end as it did or that the upcoming year would begin the way it will. The pandemic has impacted us in immeasurable ways, some of which we've yet to experience. One such way is the impact on students' learning and social and emotional health. To say this has been difficult for our children is an understatement. I see firsthand the impacts on my own children and imagine you and your families are having similar experiences. While we cannot change what happened, we will find new ways to address the existing and emerging needs of our students and staff.

Our District's Reopening Plan was developed by the Safe Reopening of Schools Committee comprised of 28 individuals representing our District's varied stakeholders. In addition to reviewing volumes of guidance on reopening, the committee reviewed and considered the robust feedback from parents and students received via the Remote Learning Survey and Thoughtexchange that were conducted in the spring of last year. Together, they literally provided thousands of insights into the wide array of variables to consider as we planned our reopening. Thank you to each of you who provided us with your feedback. Our full reopening plan along with a summary and FAQ are available on our website. The FAQ is a dynamic document that continues to be updated with the latest information on our reopening.

Our reopening will be like no other we have experienced. Much of what we traditionally do in person will likely be conducted remotely including open houses, back to school events, and parent/teacher conferences to name a few. While no substitute for being held in person, we will do our best to ensure they are as productive and informative as possible.

Thank you for your continued support of our District and thank you for your anticipated patience and consideration as we enter into the upcoming school year.

Sincerely,

**Dr. Brian K. Bellair**

*Superintendent of Schools*