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Dear High School Students and Families:

We are thrilled to return students and staff back into our hallways and classrooms on September 9th, 2021 and are also very pleased to welcome the students and families of the Class of 2025 to our schools!

After the last year of virtual and hybrid learning we are excited to escape from Google Meets and return to **five full days of in-person instruction** in our buildings. Our faculty, staff and administration have spent the summer learning and preparing for a great school year! We continue to be inspired by our students, their families and our staff working through these unprecedented times. This year we will renew our commitment to excellence in providing opportunities so that all students can learn and succeed.

We are committed to bringing our students, faculty and staff back to a learning environment that is safe and healthy. Specific school re-opening guidance will be coming from the school district soon that will be based on the **tiered mitigation approach** that is recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and the Schenectady Department of Health. This plan is likely to include three feet social distancing when feasible, health screenings, attestations, enhanced cleaning, assigned seating and a strong likelihood of masks. Information about transportation, athletics, cafeterias and the procedures around local infection rates are still being worked on. It is important to note; **it is our objective to enable a full return to school** using what we have learned over these past 18 months.

Our two high school buildings, the Steinmetz Career and Leadership Academy and the main campus of Schenectady High School **will each be open and welcoming students** back this year. Our year spent together has strengthened our relationships and programs and has afforded us opportunities to increase our cooperation to allow students to take advantage of offerings in both schools. Our school day will run from 8:25 until 3:30 with an eight period day for all students. Student schedules will be available on the Infinite Campus portal after September 1st. Student schedules will contain those courses needed for graduation requirements, courses and interventions to support those who need it and also a

number of elective credits. **We are excited to see what our students are able to accomplish!**

For our incoming **9th graders** and our current **10th graders** we will be offering an **orientation program on either August 31st or September 1st** for students and families to come to the main campus to learn the building, see their schedule, meet our staff and to find and open their locker. SCLA will also be hosting an orientation event as well. **More information will be coming soon from your student's principal.**

Our **Back to School / Meet the Teachers nights** are scheduled for Tuesday September 28th for the main campus and Thursday October 7th for SCLA.

We are here to help each student and family through these uncertain times. We will be holding a monthly open forum for students and families and we plan to begin holding these in locations around the district starting in October. Our next forum will take place on **Wednesday August 25th from 5:00 to 6:00** in the Commons at Schenectady High School (enter through Door #2) or please join virtually by using the QR Code on the right side of the page or this link address: <https://rb.gy/5bbk10> (works best in Google Chrome).



If you have any questions or concerns, please call (518) 881-2044 for the SHS Main Campus and (518) 881-2030 for the Steinmetz Career and Leadership Academy. You can also text me directly at (518) 952-0969.

Respectfully,

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