



May 12, 2020

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Superintendent

Tamaqua Area SD Families:

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A few updates for your information and planning.

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1. Educational Program- We are in the final three weeks of the school year. Students and families are encouraged to stay active educational participants. The knowledge gained is critical for future learning capacity. Specific grading procedures will be discussed at our May committee meeting. Stay engaged.

Tamaqua Elementary School
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2. Committee and Board Meetings- A consolidated meeting will take place on May 19th. Public attendance will take place via Zoom. Information will be released at the end of the week to register for those interested in viewing the meetings.

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3. Events & Activities- The Governor recently announced that the Stay at Home order has been extended until at least June 4th. However, the possibility does exist for counties to move through the reopening phases more quickly. The school district has submitted a proposal to the Department of Education and Department of Health, requesting the ability to have a modified, outdoor, social distancing graduation ceremony. Drawings and procedures were included in the proposal. We believe with the cooperation of our students, parents and community, it could occur safely. With that said, we are also making plans for an alternative ceremony should it not be approved. The information that comes out in the next week or so will be critical to our planning.

4. Locker & Desk Cleanout- The elementary schools conducted desk cleanout. High School locker cleanout was completed last week. Middle School locker cleanout takes place today through Thursday. Please contact building administrators with questions.

This is a very difficult and confusing time. We all watch the media and listen to our leaders with messages that seem to change daily. Optimism one day is replaced with pessimism the next. Please stay strong and vigilant. Follow established guidelines for your safety and others. Don't allow uncertainty to wear you down. If we can help, please reach out. As always please contact me any time at rkinder@tamaqua.k12.pa.us . Stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "R. Kinder".

Raymond J. Kinder
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