



MEDINA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of some important changes that will be happening to our building configurations for the 2021-22 school year.

Beginning in Fall 2021, our school grade configuration will be as follows:

Oak Orchard Primary School	Pre-K, Kindergarten, Grade 1 and Grade 2
Clifford Wise Intermediate School	Grades 3-6
Medina Junior-Senior High School	Grades 7-12

As parents and community members, you deserve to know WHY these changes are happening. There are many reasons that have led to this change.

- The district enrollment continues to decline. When the district closed Towne School in 2012, we had 1706 students. Currently, there are 1405 students in the district.
- With 300 fewer students in the schools, the district has adjusted staffing levels accordingly over the last 5 years.
- Because we have fewer teachers in each department, we now need the ability to have secondary teachers (grades 7-12) teach more than one subject. To accomplish this, all secondary teachers will now be in the same building.
- Additionally, in the latest New York State school initiative, public schools are now being funded for full-day Universal Pre-Kindergarten. While this will not start in the 2021-22 school year, we expect this to happen for the 2022-23 school year. Because of this, the district will need more classroom space to devote to UPK classes.

We would also like to address some common questions that parents will undoubtedly have:

- **Will my 7th grade child be in PE with a senior?** Absolutely not. All physical education classes will be separated by grade level for students in grades 7 and 8.
- **Will the 7th and 8th grade students be separated from Grade 9-12 students?** Yes, as much as possible. While all students will have lunches throughout the day, the cafeteria tables will be separated as much as practicable, as well.
- **Are there other school districts that organize their secondary schools this way?** In New York State, there are 342 Junior-Senior High Schools. In Orleans County, this school configuration is used by Kendall, Holley and Lyndonville.

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- **Will All Elementary Students still get recess?** Yes. Recess is required in schools, and will be part of all students day at both Oak Orchard and Wise Intermediate.
- **Will there be building tours for students?** Yes. Mr. Hughes will be setting up building tours for all second and third grade students, and Mr. Cavanagh will be setting up building tours for all sixth grade students. These tours will be during the school day, and there will also be options for virtual students to tour the buildings as well.
- **Will there be parent orientations?** Yes. Each building will hold parent information and orientation students in the summer for all incoming students.
- **How will the band program run at the Junior-Senior High School?** There will be a Junior High Band, a Concert Band, and a Wind Ensemble.
- **How will vocal music run at the Junior-Senior High School?** There will be a Junior High Chorus, a Mixed Chorus, and the A Cappella Choir
- **How will the music program run at Wise Intermediate School?** General Music will remain a class during the school day along with music lessons. Band and Chorus ensembles will take place following the conclusion of the instructional day.
- **Can my seventh grade child participate in extracurricular activities?** Absolutely! As a district, we are also exploring adding additional modified sports in the future, so that our 7th and 8th grade students can have even more extracurricular activities.

If you have any questions about the particulars of your child's building, please feel free to call (798-2700) or email any of the building administrators:

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As always, we thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



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 Superintendent of Schools