



SUPERINTENDENT'S *Brief*



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Ready, Set ... We've Got This!

Earlier this week our district, department and school leaders convened for two full days for planning and preparation for the new school year. I can't begin to tell you how energized and excited your child's principal is to welcome students and families back into school. Over the two days, we discussed process and procedural items but there was also a significant amount of time dedicated to principals working collaboratively and sharing ideas about how to ensure students and staff feel welcome and comfortable and making the opening of school the best it can be.


I understand that some parents are unsettled because you have not yet received student class schedules, supply lists or other details from your school. Please be patient. Your school principal is working tirelessly to prepare for your child's arrival. There are places where we are still working on staff placement and student scheduling. While some of these details may still be underway, I promise that we will be ready to welcome your child on September 9. If you feel that you don't have details that you need for your child to start school, please contact your child's teacher, or reach out to the principal who will help put you in touch. I am attaching a [directory of schools here](#). You can also ask your questions and express any concerns through [Let's Talk here](#).

I am excited to share that next week we will be welcoming nearly 100 new educators to our district. Our induction will kick-off Monday morning with an orientation followed by three full days of learning and opportunity for our new educators to acclimate to the district, their new schools, and our community. It's an exciting time for all of us. I'll share some pictures from the kick-off event next week. Please join us in welcoming them.

SCSD STAFF RETURN

All our district staff will return for the new school year on September 1. [A letter](#) was mailed this week outlining the reporting schedule.

I am excited and look forward to meeting many of you for the first time and welcoming everyone back for the new school year.

I am encouraged and extremely pleased by the energy and excitement that is already filling our schools in anticipation of everyone's arrival. Thank you for your commitment and hard work. [#SchenectadyRising](#) 

Also, to everyone, thank you for your patience and support.

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Anibal Soler, Jr.
Superintendent

PARENT LETTER

Please watch for a letter from Superintendent Soler which is being mailed to all families on Monday, August 30. The letter will be posted on the website and linked from his brief next week.

WILL YOUR CHILD USE DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION? TRANSPORTATION CONFIRMATION

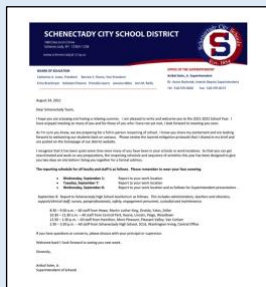


We are asking parents, guardians and caregivers of students whose children are eligible for district transportation to confirm that your child will utilize transportation service to and from school and will wear a mask. Please complete it now by clicking [here](#).

Transportation Eligibility

- Elementary students who live a minimum of one mile from school
- Middle and High School students who live a minimum of 1.5 miles from school

If your child does not meet the transportation eligibility requirements, you do not need to complete the form.



Superintendent Soler addresses SCSD leaders at the back to school two-day leader conference earlier this week.



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Staying Connected

We will post back-to-school information and communications from the top of our district website. Click on the link "2021-2022 School Year."

Remember that our COVID-19 Layered Mitigation Plan is fluid, and any changes will be updated to the documents posted on our website. The date on the right-hand corner indicates when any updates were made.

This week we added in the protocols for music.

[PROTOCOL CHART](#)
[SUMMARY OF PROTOCOLS](#)

EMBRACING THE COMMUNITY

Superintendent Soler continues to meet with community leaders and organizations to develop and strengthen relationships so that we can collaborate and provide more opportunities and resources to our students.

"I am extremely grateful to all of our community partners for their support, energy, interest, and for all that they do and are willing to do for our students and school community. This is an amazing community, and I am proud to meet and work with so many leaders in Schenectady to build partnerships and opportunities."

~ Superintendent Anibal Soler

On Thursday evening Superintendent Soler attended a community engagement event held in the Trustco Bank parking lot hosted by the city of Schenectady including the Schenectady Police and Fire Departments. #strongertogether

PICTURED: SUPERINTENDENT SOLER, MAYOR MCCARTHY, POLICE CHIEF CLIFFORD



Today Superintendent Soler met with Al Magid, Executive Director of [The Reading is Fun Program](#), and his amazing team. They welcome volunteers to the program, which serves to support our students. You can sign up to volunteer [here](#).



Earlier this week, Superintendent Soler met with Rabbi Matthew Cutler, at the Congregation Gates of Heaven. Rabbi Cutler is a well-known in the community and has an interest in the success of Schenectady's children.

EMBRACING THE COMMUNITY



Superintendent Soler met with Schenectady Mayor Gary McCarthy on Monday. Among many things, they discussed different ways the city and district can work together to create opportunities and pathways for students and families.



Superintendent Soler enjoyed a meet and greet with the Schenectady County Team including left to right Samantha Miller-Herrera, Jackie Falotico, Christopher Gardner and County Manager Rory Fluman. They discussed possible ways the county and school district can partner. More to come!



The Schenectady City School District Educational Foundation is a great partner to our district. Please consider making a donation to the grant program.



Since they started in 2008, the foundation has provided \$330,000 to more than 450 Schenectady teachers. To learn more and to make a donation, visit the [website](#).

Superintendent Soler met with the Schenectady High School Administrative Team on Thursday.

This team is happy to be back and can't wait to greet students when they return on September 9.

