



# Avon Lake City Schools

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Robert Scott ● Superintendent

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Dear Avon Lake Students, Staff, Families, and Community Members,

I hope that everyone has had a great summer. It is hard to believe that we are within two weeks of starting another school year. On our website, you will find the current version of the [Avon Lake City Schools COVID-19 Safety Protocols](#) that will be in place for the start of the 2021-2022 school year.

I would be remiss in talking about the upcoming school year without saying *thank you* one more time for all of the amazing efforts that made 2020-2021 a great school year. It would take pages to cover all of the wonderful things that allowed us to thrive while going to school five days a week or while learning remotely. I do want to highlight the key reason for our success - *working together*.

After the last 17 months, we know that students have the best opportunity for short- and long-term educational success by being in school, in person, and with their teachers and peers. We accomplished this last year when very few school districts could by working together as a school community. We can maintain a safe environment for all of our students while respecting personal family beliefs. We can maintain a safe learning environment by *working together*.

As we have learned in the past, there is no one mitigating factor that will create enough barriers to keep the risk factors at a minimum for students and staff. The list of protocols in this message gives us a map for reducing risk. There is no 100% guarantee, but if we - students, staff, families, and the community - use these protocols to the best of our abilities we can and will stay safe and stay in school, in person.

We remain in a very fluid environment when it comes to the spread of COVID-19. We will continue to monitor the situation and consult with Lorain County Public Health as well as local and regional health care professionals. Our goal is to always keep students safe first while keeping them in school without interruption. Should the spread of COVID-19 reach a level that warrants additional mitigation protocols, Avon Lake City Schools will not hesitate to implement new and/or tougher strategies in a school building or in the school district for the benefit of our students.

I have confidence and trust in the Avon Lake Community. Together we can finish the fight we started 17 months ago against COVID-19. In a school community of 3,800 students who are supported by parents, family, and friends, there are an uncountable number of beliefs and opinions. Avon Lake tradition and pride have allowed us to continually come together in support of our students and schools. At this point in time, respecting our individual differences while coming together as a community in support of the education and safety of our students has never been more important!

Thank you for your ongoing support of our staff and students!

Bob Scott, Superintendent  
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