

Health & Safety Committee Progress Report, July 20, 2020

- **Reviewed NY State Education Department Guidance, issued July 16**
- **Committee discussed health/symptom screening that is required of schools:**
 - The district is required to screen all people who enter the building.
 - M. Nemeth reviewed potential screening products
 - BOCES screening tool from the capital region
 - It is HIPPA compliant and the capital region went live last week with this product.
 - allows for customized reports to identify hotspots
 - BOCES screening tool is the choice that most schools in our area are using
 - Ruvna - a text message, website, or app. Can customize the questions.
 - Screening should be done prior to arriving at school as much as possible since screening all of the students entering would be logistically challenging and would take a long time
 - Does screening need to happen prior to students riding the bus so other students on that bus are not exposed?
 - Make sure temperature screening is part of any screening tool that we use
 - Some checks will still need to happen on site:
 - visitors
 - families who don't have a thermometer at home
 - families who forget to do screening at home
 - Our district physician has shared that it is most important to screen the adults in the building because the adults are the most likely symptomatic carriers.
 - Kiosks that people can pass through as they enter to check temperatures.
 - Mike shared that screening will likely happen outside of the building.
 - Can tents be set up outside for screening?
 - Challenges for screening onsite:
 - Staffing - for multiple screenings?
 - Who - who is doing the screenings?
 - Staggered start for the day to minimize the congestion at the screening point
 - Equipment - tools for all three buildings
 - Privacy concerns for pulling a student out of line if a student has a temperature
 - Can we add a question: did the child take medication for fever that day?
- **Other topics of discussion:**
 - Procedures if a student develops symptoms in school:
 - Separate nurse's area (isolated) for suspected COVID cases
 - Need multiple screening rooms
 - Need cleaning protocols for screening rooms
 - Area that is isolated where students with symptoms can stay until they are able to be picked up
 - PPE requirements
 - How many masks do we need to provide
 - Scheduled mask breaks for students and staff -- where?