



Haldane Central School District - April 21, 2021

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## Addendum to the School Reopening Plan

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This document serves as an addendum to the Haldane Central School District School Reopening Plan, which was developed in July 2020 in preparation for the start of the school year amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. In April 2021, the New York State Department of Health released Interim Guidance for In-Person Instruction at Pre-K to Grade 12 Schools During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. In accordance with this guidance, the following changes are being made to Haldane's School Reopening Plan:

- The physical distancing of students in high school classrooms has been changed from a minimum of 6 feet to a minimum of 4 feet.
- Additional HEPA air filtration units have been placed in each classroom where student distancing has been reduced from a minimum of 6 feet.
- A staggered bell schedule has been implemented to reduce student contact in hallways between passing periods.

In addition to these changes, the District has incorporated a voluntary COVID-19 rapid antigen testing program for all students and staff who have not yet received the COVID-19 vaccine. A cross-section of students and staff are randomly tested each school day in accordance with New York State Department of Health guidelines.

The School Reopening Task Force Academic Subcommittee has continued to meet throughout this school year. The Task Force convened on three occasions over the course of the past six weeks to discuss the changes outlined in this addendum document.

The High School Principal held a school community forum for parents, students, and teachers to learn about these changes and to answer questions before the changes were implemented.

The school district continues to work closely with the Putnam County Department of Health to monitor community transmission rates in order to determine whether any changes to the instructional model are necessary.