



July 23, 2021

Dear Parents and Caregivers:

Beginning September 2, 2021, our expectation is that all students will return to in-person instruction five days per week, following appropriate Center for Disease Control and New York State Department of Health guidelines. We remain committed to St. Mary's being a safe place to learn.

We are informing you of these plans now, as it is essential for you to plan and prepare for the coming school year. **All children will automatically be enrolled for full-time, in-person instruction five days per week.** Remote instruction will only be offered for students with an eligible medical exemption after consultation with medical professionals and school administrators.

If you are requesting that your child be enrolled in remote instruction as a medical exemption during school year 2021-22, you must provide the following information:

- Medical documentation dated **after July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021**, on a physician's letterhead, signed by a medical professional.
- Requests must be emailed to [Timk@smsdk12.org](mailto:Timk@smsdk12.org) or submitted via U.S. mail to Mr. Timothy Kelly, Superintendent, St. Mary's School for the Deaf: 2253 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14214.
- All medical exemptions must be received by August 16<sup>th</sup>.

You will be notified whether your medical petition for remote instruction has been approved by August 20<sup>th</sup>.

Currently, our extended school year (Summer School) is off to a great start. Summer School 2021 has something for everyone. We have designed a robust summer program so students can achieve their individual goals, before, during and after school.

We continue to use a Child First approach to everything we do and every decision we make. We will keep you informed if we make modifications to our 2021 Reopening Plan based on new Federal or State guidelines.

We will keep you updated on our plans as we move forward. We look forward to a safe transition into the 2021-2022 school year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Timothy M. Kelly".

Mr. Timothy M. Kelly  
Superintendent