



# DeRuyter Central School

*Home of the Rockets*

711 Railroad Street, DeRuyter, NY 13052  
Phone: 315-852-3400 Fax: 315-852-9600

**Kimberly O'Brien**  
Director of Curriculum and  
Instruction

**David M. Brown, Ed. D.**  
Superintendent of Schools

**James Southard**  
Business Administrator

**Stephen Rafferty**  
6-12 Principal/Director  
of Special Education

**Jenny Valente**  
PK-5 Principal/Director  
of Special Education

August 28, 2020

Dear Parents and Students:

***We have important updates that we wanted to share with you.*** Please know that we are working tirelessly, every day, to prepare for students to arrive for the 2020-2021 school year. That being said, there are many working parts that have to be brought together for us to successfully open and as we said in the Community Forums things are changing every day.

**First Day of School:** **School is going to start on Thursday September 10<sup>th</sup>.** Due to the late arrival of PPE supplies, including signage throughout the building, as well as other details, we are delaying the start of school until **Thursday September 10<sup>th</sup>**. The 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> will still have a 1:00 pm dismissal. September 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> will be staff days.

**Temperature Attestation:** **New Process for Attesting your child does NOT have a fever (100° or over)!** In previous communications, we indicated that parents would need to upload their child's affirmation of their temperature. Since then, we have changed this procedure. On the first day of school, (September 10<sup>th</sup>), we will take the temperature of each child as they enter the building. We will send small attestation notepads home with each student for your use in taking your child's temperature every day, beginning on Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. As you take your child's temperature, complete and sign the attestation, and then send it in to school with your child. Students will show the signed attestation to the bus driver as they enter the bus and then give it to their teacher upon arrival at school.

**COVID-19 Webpage:** Please remember that we have a COVID-19 page on our website (<http://www.deruytercentral.org/districtpage.cfm?pageid=794>). We continue to update with important information including messages from the building principals.

**From our Nurse's Office:** If your son/daughter will require medications during the school year, we are requesting that you drop them off before the start of school. If you are able, please bring your student's medication(s) and any paperwork or orders from your doctor's office to the school at one of the following times: ***Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> from 12-3 pm or Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8 am-3 pm.*** We ask that you please come to the door that is in the side parking lot, near the nurse's office. The nurse will meet you outside and receive your child's medications and fill out any paperwork needed. If you are unable to bring medication during these times, please call or email Ms. Vadala to set up an alternate time. You can reach Ms. Vadala at 315-852-3400 ext. 7112.

As always, I am a phone call or email away and ready to serve and answer questions when needed. I will repeat that I am beyond excited to see your children in two weeks and we will persevere.

Sincerely,

David M. Brown, Ed. D  
Superintendent of Schools