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Dear Cheektowaga Central Parents and Students,

Gov. Cuomo moved Erie County into the more restrictive Orange Zone effective Nov. 23. Under an Orange Zone, schools are required to pivot to a remote instructional model for all students for at least four days, as per NYSDOH guidelines.

Our district had already made the pivot on Monday, Nov. 16 to remote learning so no change is required at this time. We had anticipated a possible reopening on Nov. 30, but our reopening is now guided by the <u>Orange Zone guidelines</u>, set forth by NYSDOH. However, because of the uncertainty of future designations, the lack of continuity this creates for our students and the inability for our parents to plan, Cheektowaga Central will remain on remote learning until Jan. 4, 2021.

In planning for the future, Cheektowaga Central is moving forward with our ability to become a licensed test site or what's referred to as a "Limited Service Laboratory" (LSL) which will allow us to administer tests to the in-person staff and students. This is necessary because with all three of the zone designations (yellow, orange and red) the testing component plays a major role in reopening and/or staying open. We do not know what the new year will bring, but it is our hope to return to in-person learning.

Effective immediately, our <u>curbside meal program</u>, <u>Counseling support</u> and technology help are available to families. For technology support, email <u>techsupport@ccsd-k12.net</u> or call (716) 686-3693.

Please remain diligent in mask wearing, social distancing and hand washing. Contact your building principal if you have any questions.

I will continue to keep you informed as new information emerges.

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