



Conestoga Valley

SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dr. David M. Zuilkoski, *Superintendent of Schools*

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CV Community –

We did it! Our Class of 2021 graduated on Friday, June 4; our teachers had their last day on Monday, June 7; and we are ready to enjoy a little break from a year like no other!

Your efforts allowed CV to stay open for face-to-face instruction five days a week throughout the school year. We were one of a few to operate that way in the County, and even more stark is the comparison with the rest of the State where 60% of districts did not offer in-person instruction. It has not been easy; ever-changing guidelines from PDE/DOH/CDC, mask wearing/social distancing/hand washing/contact tracing/quarantining, and restrictions for everything from lunches to extracurricular activities. Throughout it all, EVERYONE did their part; it was a true community effort to ensure our students received an outstanding face-to-face (or virtual) education in the middle of a pandemic.

That being said, I know I speak for many in saying that I don't ever want to go through that again any time soon! As we plan for the re-opening of school in August of 2021,

- Our schools will continue to be open for in-person instruction five days a week.
- Our faculty, staff and students will not be required to wear masks while in school or during extra-curricular activities.
- Our faculty, staff and students will not be required to be vaccinated in order to work in, or attend our schools.
- We will not be cohorting or socially distancing in schools.
- We will continue to operate our long-running Conestoga Valley Virtual Academy (CVVA).

The District is slowly transitioning towards normal operations. Currently, per the Governor's order, masks are not required for those who are fully vaccinated, and will not be required for anyone starting on June 28 (if not sooner). The expectation is that if additional recommendations, guidelines and Orders are updated throughout the summer, we will continue to evaluate and decide the proper course of action.

I optimistically, and realistically believe that we will open school as normal in August! I want to thank you for your continued patience, grace, flexibility and understanding as TOGETHER, we had another successful year at CV!

Sincerely,

Dave Zuilkoski, Ed
Superintendent