



ITHACA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

This letter is to inform you of decisions made by the School Board at their August 17, 2020, board meeting. After many emails from teachers and parents with concerns of staff being required to teach both face to face and virtual effectively, there were a couple of decisions that will affect the start date and length of the day. The first day of school is now August 31st and there will be a one hour early release for students every day for at least the first trimester. This was done in order for staff to be able to give the best quality education to both those students who are face to face and those that are virtual. The early release will allow staff to administer their curriculum, assignments and meet with those doing virtual without taking away from the time students are face to face in classes. This will allow a strong academic setting for both groups.

We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause with parents needing day care. We appreciate your patience with the school and the changes. We also are trying to figure out how to best educate your child with the continual moving target.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 989-875-3700.

Sincerely,

Sarah Kettelhohn
Interim Superintendent