

May 22, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As you know, the fifth and sixth grade students of Gillette Road Middle School and Roxboro Road Middle School experienced a pilot schedule during the 2019-2020 school year that provided some new special area courses. These courses provided an opportunity to explore areas that are not required by the New York State Education Department's Part 100 Commissioner's Regulations; however, we are sending this letter to inform you that the schedule we have piloted will be discontinued at the end of the current school year due to budgetary constraints associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

With the end of the pilot schedule of this school year, both middle schools will return to the former middle school schedule. There will be no reduction in total instructional minutes. This schedule consists of 80-minute blocks for core areas of instruction and 40-minute periods for special area classes. Fifth and sixth grade students will have the following special area classes: one semester of art, one semester of general music, and physical education class on alternating days throughout the year. All seventh grade students will have the following specials: one semester of general music, health, and technology, 10 weeks of family and consumer sciences and art, and physical education class on alternating days throughout the entire year. Instrumental and choral performing groups will rehearse outside of the instruction day as in previous school years.

Although our schedule will return to the former version, we remain committed to our District's Vision & Mission Statements and the provision of the highest quality of educational programming for our students. We will also be exploring ways to further integrate technology into core courses and specials. If you have any questions regarding next year's middle school schedule, please contact us.

Sincerely,

David Cordone
Principal of Gillette Road Middle School

David Shaw
Principal of Roxboro Road Middle School