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Dear North Syracuse Central School District Parents and Guardians,

I am writing to share a few important updates on attendance, calendar, and instruction. Please take a few minutes to read these updates.

Daily Attendance Update. *We will be logging attendance for students in grades 5-12 who are learning from home (hybrid or remote) via ClassLink. Beginning October 19, ClassLink will also be used for daily attendance of K-4 students learning from home. Teachers will continue to take attendance in SchoolTool for students when they are scheduled to be in school.*

When not in school students will need to log into ClassLink to be counted as present. This is done automatically when a student logs into a NSCSD Chromebook. If your child is not using a Chromebook, they should log into ClassLink using the banner at the top of the [NSCSD Homepage](#). Parents are encouraged to review the [ClassLink guide](#) and [reference document](#).

September 30 Half Day. *Wednesday, September 30 is a half day for all students who are scheduled to attend school. Teachers will continue their morning meetings with students and the afternoon will be dedicated to professional development.*

Google Meet and Zoom Sessions. *Many teachers are delivering instruction on Google Meet and Zoom. In an effort to maintain the integrity of the learning environment and respect student privacy, parents should not be taking screenshots or recording instructional learning sessions. Thank you for your continued cooperation in keeping our remote learning environments safe and private for our students and teachers.*

Open Houses. *All NSCSD schools will be holding open houses. Due to the concerns of community spread of COVID-19 and social distancing guidelines, they will be provided in a virtual format this year. School principals will be sending detailed information within the next two weeks.*

Thank you again for your continued support as we close out the month of September and make our way into October.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel D. Bowles". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D' and is contained within a thin black rectangular border.

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