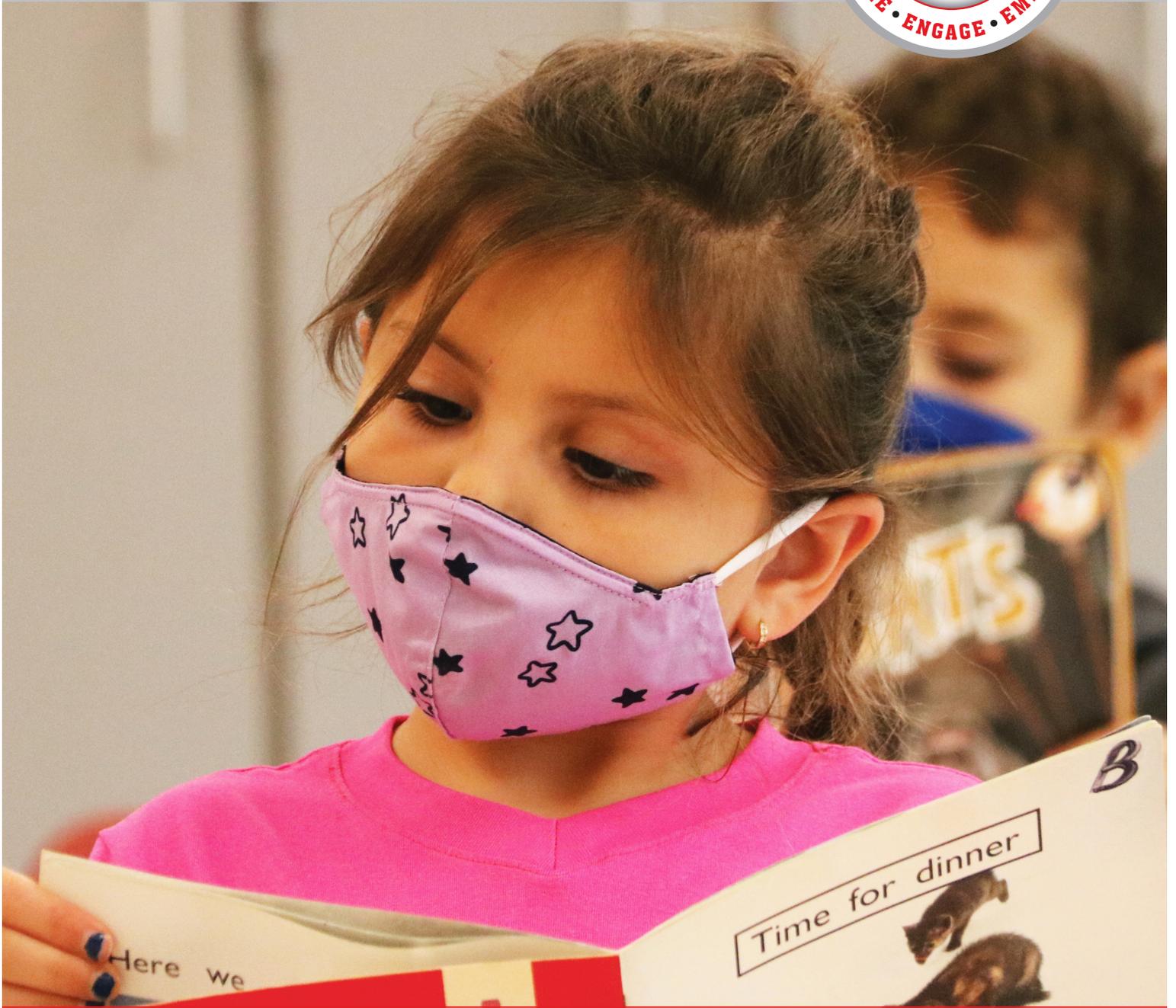


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Our Mission

We inspire, engage and empower all students to achieve their full potential.

Our Vision

We aspire to be a model of innovation and educational excellence that prepares our students for the challenges of life in the 21st century.

Our Core Beliefs

- Students are our first priority.
- Partnerships among students, staff, parents and the community are integral to student success.
- We value respect for self and others.
- All students and staff deserve a safe, positive and supportive environment.
- We hold high expectations for our students, parents and ourselves.
- We embrace change and strive to be lifelong learners.
- We believe all students can learn and will never give up on any student.

Chenango Bridge Elementary Students Create Cards for Local Nursing Home Residents

Chenango Bridge Elementary students created cards for the SUNY Broome Physical Therapy Assistant (PTA) Club to share with residents in local nursing homes. Their bright and colorful cards included messages of encouragement and care.



Elementary Students Enjoy Virtual Author Visit

Thanks to the Chenango Valley Elementary PTA, both remote and in-person Port Dickinson Elementary and Chenango Bridge Elementary learners were able to enjoy virtual visits from children's book author Doreen Cronin in September. Ms. Cronin read to students and answered their questions. This was a wonderful opportunity for our Warriors!



Port Dickinson Elementary and CV Middle School Students Collaborate for 'P2' Project

During The "Positivity Project" ("P2") focus on "Curiosity," Port Dickinson Elementary classes sent questions they were curious about to Chenango Valley Middle School. Seventh grade students researched the questions and created Flipgrid videos to send answers back to Port Dickinson Elementary.



Capital Project Update

Although the most recent capital improvement project is wrapping up, we still have this year's capital outlay project to complete. We are continuing replacement of mechanical heat pumps at Chenango Bridge Elementary School, similar to what was done at Port Dickinson Elementary School last year. The heat pumps provide heat and air conditioning to the classrooms. Although many heat pumps have been replaced either through capital projects or through the maintenance budget, there are still a number of them that are from the early 1990's and are in need of replacement. The capital outlay project was recently bid and, due to a downturn in construction activity, we received many bids that were very competitive. The contractor is in the process of ordering the equipment and the plan is to perform the work over school breaks.

CV Athletics Holds Off-Season Programs

With the postponement of the fall athletic season, Chenango Valley Athletics began to offer a variety of off-season programs. The phased programming approach started with a strength and conditioning program called "Warrior Workouts" on September 28.



REMINDER: Check out www.cvcsd.stier.org/WellnessInformation1.aspx for the latest CV wellness information and happenings!

CV Middle School Students Participate in Virtual Manufacturing Day

As part of the end to their career unit, Mrs. Shaddock's eighth grade FACS students took part in The Raymond Corporation Virtual Manufacturing Day 2020. Through virtual programming, students had the opportunity to explore and discover more about careers in advanced manufacturing.



Outdoor Learning Center Expands Educational Opportunities

CV High School students in Mr. Breed's Environmental Science class recently enjoyed the district's new outdoor learning center on the MS/HS campus. As seen in the picture below, on October 15, they collected specimens from around the adjacent pond to construct eco-columns. We look forward to the various opportunities this facility will provide for all grade levels.



PLEASE NOTE: Information continues to be subject to change based on local, state and federal guidance.

For more information, visit: www.cvcsd.stier.org

Message from the Superintendent and Board of Education President

Dear Chenango Valley Community,

This is the time of year where we often reflect upon what we are most thankful for. While 2020 has certainly presented its share of trials and tribulations, we hope some of those challenges have helped to shed a light on the importance of gratitude and appreciating what truly matters to you.

As we venture further into this school year, we want to express gratitude to our students, staff and school community for the resilience and teamwork they have continued to show. Overall, the feedback from the community on our reopening has been positive. If we have learned anything through the pandemic so far, it is that sometimes things don't make sense, however, the need to work collaboratively and follow regulations and procedures is vital.

We want to acknowledge the hard work of all of Chenango Valley's faculty and staff. We are so proud of our Warrior team. Your efforts do not go unnoticed.

We would also like to commend our students and families. Parents/guardians, we know this is not an easy time for you, and we understand the hardship of the choices you are presented with on a daily basis. Thank you for continuing to work with the district to help ensure the health, safety and success of our Warriors.

Below are some important pieces of information that we would like to highlight:

- With our unusual closure in the 2019-2020 school year, we believe it is important to remind our community that Chenango Valley High School was recognized by the New York State Education Department (NYSED) as a "Recognition School." According to NYSED, this honor is given to schools that have made progress in obtaining "high academic achievement, growth and graduation rates."
- Chenango Valley was awarded the Utica National Insurance Group's "2020 School Safety Excellence Award," along with a \$500 check for use in furthering safety efforts.

Through the challenges, we wish you continued moments of peace and happiness with your loved ones. May the changes that occur outdoors in the autumn season remind us that "This too shall pass." We do believe this adversity can continue to serve as a tool to make us stronger as individuals and as a team. Please continue to reach out if you need any support.

Sincerely,

Kelly Warwick
President, Chenango Valley Board of Education

Dr. David P. Gill
Superintendent of Schools



Kelly Warwick, President
Board of Education



Dr. David P. Gill
Superintendent

Chenango Valley Community Schools Update

Welcome back to the 2020-21 school year! Chenango Valley's Community Schools team has been hard at work over the summer. As both a place and a set of partnerships, CV as a Community School brings together educators, families and community stakeholders to attain collective impact. A special welcome goes out to the parent members, Deb Tas and Jackie Stapleton-Durham, community member, Debbie Abbey, and new PTA President, Brooke McCall. During the summer months, this Community Schools team developed a mission and established goals for the 2020-21 school year.

The mission of CV Community Schools is really an extension of the mission of CV with an added theme of connection and collaboration. We inspire, engage, empower and connect with all students, families and community members to achieve their full potential. The goals of the Community Schools team will focus on three main areas: district connectivity, achieving race equity and family engagement. During the months ahead, the Community Schools team will break into subcommittees around these goals to begin this important work to support the community during this difficult time.

If you have any questions, feedback or an interest in joining one of the subcommittees, please contact either of the Community Schools Co-Coordinators, Beth Hubenthal (bhubenth@cvcasd.stier.org) or Johanna Hickey (jhickey@cvcasd.stier.org).

Principal Messages

Port Dickinson Elementary (Grades: Kindergarten - 2)

Hello to our wonderful PD Elementary families! Happy autumn! The beautiful colors of the season are here! We started our brand new school year a little over a month ago and it was definitely a unique beginning to the 2020-2021 school year.

Our School Reopening Plan was the result of open communication, collaboration and a collective sense of positivity in our school community. Our faculty and staff at PDE are continuously helping the best little CV Warriors adjust to new routines that are taking place throughout the school day. Our students have done a fantastic job with mask wearing, hand washing and social distancing. We thank all of our families for your support from home to help make this successful.

Our mindset with our students is that “no routine is too small to teach.” As we continue to move forward this fall, we are working to teach our kids how to read, write and build mathematical skills. We explore our world through science and social studies.

Port Dickinson Elementary is such a wonderful school to begin your child’s educational journey. The faculty/staff are exceptional and our job each day is to continue building a strong foundation to help our little CV Warriors to be lifelong learners. Communication between home and school is essential. You are always welcome to call us at 762-6970 or 762-6975. You can email us through our website at www.cvcasd.stier.org and/or follow the happenings at PD Elementary through Twitter: @MrsHammondCV



Mary Beth Hammond,
Principal, Port Dickinson
Elementary

Chenango Bridge Elementary (Grades: 3-5)

Happy autumn to all of our Chenango Bridge Elementary families! It has felt so good to be back in school again working with children and I can’t believe how fast the first few weeks have gone by. Everyone from teachers to bus drivers, custodians to cafeteria workers, and aides to secretaries have worked incredibly hard to make sure that we had a safe and amazing start to the school year. I would like to thank all of them for their hard work and dedication to the students and families of Chenango Valley.

We have been so busy during the first few weeks of school. We have already practiced our fire and bus drills. We’ve been learning how to keep everyone safe by wearing masks, hand washing and maintaining a safe social distance from friends. All in addition to learning new things in math, ELA, science and social studies. One of the best parts, so far, was meeting Doreen Cronin, author of “Click, Clack, Moo,” through a virtual assembly sponsored by the PTA. No wonder why time has just flown by, there is so much to learn and do.

I wanted to take a moment to remind everyone that news, events and resources regarding the school district are available on the district website at www.cvcasd.stier.org. It is also where you can sign up for district alert notifications such as school events, closings or delays. This is located under the “public login” section.

I am so proud to be a new member of the Warrior team here at Chenango Bridge Elementary and I am excited for the upcoming school year. We are so grateful for your continued support and ongoing communication and I look forward to working with you to help our children have an amazing school year. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns at 762-6950 or at sstephenson@cvcasd.stier.org



Suzanne Stephenson,
Principal, Chenango Bridge
Elementary

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Principal Messages

Chenango Valley Middle School (Grades: 6-8)

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! I hope you had a wonderful and restful summer break in spite of the pandemic. We are so very excited for this new school year, even if it looks and feels a bit different. We are committed to keeping your child safe while providing them the best education. I would like to thank you, the students, and our faculty/staff for a successful school opening.

CV Middle School students have been off to an amazing start. I have been so very impressed with all of the students this year; practicing good social distancing, wearing masks and following the signs in the hallways. The students have really stepped up to the plate.

Please be sure to sign up for CV alert notifications on the district website under the "Public Login" section (on the top right-hand side of the CV webpage on desktop computers). This is a service that provides a short email or text message alert, depending on what you sign up for, with reminders of school events or closings. Also, you may want to sign up for the Parent Portal through the guidance office. This is a service that allows parents/guardians to access their child's grades online. If you need assistance in signing up for the service or are having difficulties, please contact the CV Middle School Guidance Office.

School attendance is extremely important for both remote and in-person learners. The expectation is that students must attend all scheduled classes. Regular daily attendance is the biggest indicator of educational success. If you are having issues getting your child engaged in school, please feel free to reach out to me or our guidance office for assistance.

Please make sure you are completing health screenings for your child to attend school in person. This is very important! You are verifying that you are screening your child each day to ensure they can attend in-person instruction. If you are fully remote, you do not have to do this.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns:

Office: 762-6902

Email: attleson@cvcasd.stier.org



Eric E. Attleson,
Principal, CV Middle School

Chenango Valley High School (Grades: 9-12)

Hello CV High School Families! I know it may look different, but I would like to thank you, the students, and the staff for a successful opening to the 2020-21 school year! So many plans were put in place and it has been nice to see them in action!

Like any plans, we will continue to work on how to make school successful for all students. This may require changes in our original plan. We will continue to communicate any changes to you. I encourage you to be sure you have an email address on file here at school. This is the easiest and quickest way to communicate with the high school families. If you have an email address on file and haven't received emails from me or the district, please let me know. The high school students are also expected to check their school-assigned email daily. Thank you for your continued patience and flexibility!

As always, I would like to stress the importance of daily attendance. Attendance is extremely important both remotely and in person. The expectation is that students, both in-person and remote learners, are attending all of their classes. Regular daily attendance is the biggest predictor of success in school. If you are having trouble getting your child to engage in school, please feel free to reach out to me or our guidance office for assistance.

Thank you so much for a successful and smooth start to the school year! Please reach out to us with any questions or concerns you may have at 762-6900 or jostrander@cvcasd.stier.org



Jennifer Ostrander
Principal, CV High School

Additional contact information can be found on our district website:
www.cvcasd.stier.org

Attention Student-Athletes

As you know, the NCAA has established eligibility rules related to participating in Division I and II college athletics. Should you be considering athletics in college, it is absolutely imperative that you notify your school counselor now. Students are required to take 16 core subject courses. The NCAA does not use elective courses to complete the 16.

To participate at the Division I or II level, you must also register with the NCAA Clearinghouse by going to www.eligibilitycenter.org. Once you have registered, it will prompt you to let the guidance office know so we can submit a transcript. Finally, you must submit your SAT or ACT scores to the NCAA Eligibility Center directly from the testing agency in order to certify the student-athlete's initial eligibility. All test scores are required to be sent.

****Eligibility rules have changed for students graduating in 2018 or after. See your counselor for details.****

-Judy Hayes, High School Counselor

Upcoming SAT and ACT Test Dates

For additional information, visit:

SAT Test: www.sat.org/register

ACT Test: www.actstudent.org/start

*Please contact your school counselor with any questions regarding upcoming test dates/registration deadlines.

Resources/Help Available for Chenango Valley Families in Need

- CHOW Food Pantry
- CV Clothing Bank
- Holiday Assistance (Thanksgiving food baskets, gifts for school-age children at holiday time) *Please register by 11/6/2020*
- Individualized Services: Please contact guidance office to see if we can help

CV Cares

If you or someone you know in the Chenango Valley Central School District needs assistance, please contact the guidance office at 762-6918 or email CV Middle School social worker Beth Hubenthal at bhubenth@cvcvsd.stier.org

Warrior Fund: Yearly Report (September 2019-2020)

Special "Thank You!" to our community for their generous donations to assist our Chenango Valley families!

-Jackie Arnold, Chenango Valley High School Social Worker (762-6924)

- 95 families & over 250 children assisted with CV Holiday Programs
- School supplies for 78 students & 57 backpacks
- 9 scientific calculators
- 2 students assisted who joined sports and outside gymnastics
- 61 clothing purchases for a student in need of school and PE clothes and sneakers
- 18 winter coats, 12 winter boots, 12 snow pants, hats, gloves (PD & CB)
- Eyeglasses for 4 students
- 10 Post Prom gifts for seniors
- 10 pizzas for Community Night
- Incentive items for 20 students
- Household items for displaced families
- 2 book purchases at book fair
- Food purchased to support food pantry
- Diapers for 4 families
- 4 students assisted with sports camp fees
- Assisted 314 families with Aldi gift cards to cover lunch and food issues at home and school
- 1 student assisted with expenses related to dance program
- 11 students assisted with their BOCES materials for classes and steel toe boots
- 36 gas cards for families transporting students to appointments, jobs, and cancer and medical treatments
- 18 yearbooks for seniors
- 1 college application fee and supplies for college
- 18 caps and gowns for graduation
- Clothing purchases for 11 students for winter wear (MS & HS)
- 15 students assisted with class field trips
- Paid for membership to become a Sight for Students provider (free glasses)
- 11 Junior Dinner Dance tickets
- 3 students assisted with cell phone minutes for emergencies/safety plans
- 6 college books
- Assistance with partial rent for a family
- Partial help with a gas bill for oil to heat a home
- Hygiene products for 77 students
- Snacks for more than 115 students for after-school sports/programs and during the school day
- 14 students assisted with prescriptions that were needed
- 3 permits
- 4 - 5 hour driving courses
- Donations to cover outstanding lunch bills for 4 students
- 2 students' tuition fees
- 12 packs of bus passes to help students with transportation issues get to work or medical/therapy appointments
- Assistance for a funeral for a student's sibling
- 165 students and families used the CV Warrior Clothing Room (free donated clothing)

CHOW: CV Food Pantry (September 2019 – August 2020)

Families Served: 561 Children: 904 Adults: 307 Seniors: 32
Total Individuals Served: 1,243 Chenango Valley Residents

THE WARRIOR FUND NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!

Due to COVID-19 safety protocols and precautions, we will likely not be able to hold most of our essential fundraisers this year.

The Warrior Fund is a program that addresses some of the needs of our students who may be experiencing financial issues/difficulties. The Warrior Fund may be used for items such as school-related books, supplies and applications, testing expenses, clothing, caps and gowns, daily personal needs, PE clothing and sneakers, gift cards for gas and food, and a number of other needs that may arise throughout the year.

How is it funded?

The Warrior Fund is made possible through fundraisers and donations from community organizations, individuals and clubs.

Who monitors the fund?

A team consisting of staff and administrators oversee this fund.

How can a student apply?

There is a Warrior Fund application available for parents/guardians, staff and students to fill out to address student needs. The application will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. This is a confidential service for our students.

How can I help?

If you are interested in donating or have questions, please call:
Jackie Arnold
HS Social Worker
762-6924
or
Judy Hayes
HS Counselor
762-6921

Chenango Valley would like to express gratitude to our food services team that helped to distribute a total of 21,572 meals at our Chenango Valley Middle/High School site from July 1 through August 31.

Thank you to all of the Warriors in our school community who have stepped up to help others. Working together, we remain...
#CVWarriorStrong

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- No experience needed
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- Competitive wages
- Split shifts
- Summers off
- No weekends or holidays required

To learn more about becoming a member of the CV Transportation team, call Sue Ticknor at (607) 762-6850 or email sticknor@cvcasd.stier.org



Bus Safety Drills Review Important Procedures

Chenango Valley Central School District students participated in bus safety drills at the beginning of the school year. During their drills, students learned about topics including safe crossing signals, rules for riding the bus, how to properly use seat belts, what to do if a bus driver becomes disabled, and how to find and operate emergency equipment and exits. Bus safety drills are conducted at Chenango Valley throughout the school year, in accordance with New York State Education Law.



Important School Safety Reminders

As the safety and security of our students and staff continues to be a top priority at Chenango Valley Central School District, we ask you to please review and make sure you are familiar with the following district safety procedures/information:

- You must present photo identification to enter any of our school buildings. Visitors must also wear photo identification badges provided by the school. This applies to any event during school hours.
- As a safety protocol, visitors must enter the school building through the main security entrance during school hours. Students and staff are not to allow visitors in through any other outside entrances.
- Please be sure that your child knows what to do if they are sent home early due to an emergency or weather-related early dismissal.
- In the event of a crisis situation, please refrain from calling your child as the noise/distraction could put students in danger. Students must give their full attention to instructions from trained staff. Parents/guardians should not rush to their child, as phone lines, staff and roads are vital for emergency response. In the event of a crisis, parents/guardians should carefully monitor district information sources, which will include the reunification process (under the guidance of emergency responders). As a reminder, students will only be released to their parent/guardian or a pre-designated emergency contact. Please be sure this information remains updated.
- Please know that each district decision is made with the safety of students and staff as our first priority. There are specific safety practices and procedures in place that have been carefully created by safety teams consisting of staff and emergency personnel. We will work to communicate available, accurate information as soon as possible. When applicable, we will provide consistent updates to keep parents/guardians best informed throughout the process.
- We thank you for your cooperation and support in helping to keep our students safe. Please reach out to your building principal with any questions.

In the event of an emergency situation, Chenango Valley Schools will initiate the appropriate safety response(s):

<p>Shelter-in-Place Used to shelter students and staff inside the building.</p>	<p>Hold-in-Place Used to limit movement of students and staff while dealing with short-term emergencies.</p>	<p>Evacuate Used to evacuate students and staff from the building.</p>	<p>Lockout Used to secure school building and grounds during incidents that pose an imminent concern outside of the school.</p>	<p>Lockdown Used to secure school building and grounds during incidents that pose an immediate threat of violence in or around the school.</p>
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Chenango Valley Receives School Safety Award

Chenango Valley recently received the Utica National Insurance Group's "2020 School Safety Excellence Award." A \$500 check for use in furthering safety efforts was also presented to the district as part of the award.

This award is presented annually and recognizes school districts for continued efforts in working to help keep their school environment safe. Chenango Valley has received this award for a number of consecutive years.





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