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Dear Parents and Families,

As we continue to plan for reopening for the fall, I provide you with the following important information:

#### School Messenger:

Beginning this week, the Menands School will begin using School Messenger to communicate with all parents and families.

School Messenger is a trusted, widely-used mass notification tool that will help facilitate timely communication of the latest updates to all of our families.

Our initial "test" message will go out this Thursday, August 6 at 12 noon. It will be sent to parent contacts currently in our student management system. At the onset, messages will arrive via voice and email. We will eventually add text as well. If you receive the message by email and phone, you are all set and nothing more is required on your part. If you do not receive the message, we may need to update your phone number or email address in our student management system. To do this, please contact Liz Mentiely at [lmentibly@menands.org](mailto:lmentibly@menands.org) or (518) 465-4561, ext. 119.

#### Virtual Parent Forum- School Reopening:

On Monday August 10, prior to the regularly scheduled Board of Education Meeting, the District will host a Virtual Parent Forum to review our Reopening Plan at 5:00 PM. Information regarding how to access the forum can be found at [www.menands.org](http://www.menands.org). We encouraged all who are interested to join and learn more.

As always, do not hesitate to reach out directly: [Mlong@menands.org](mailto:Mlong@menands.org), or via phone at 518-465-4561 ext. 101.

Sincerely,

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