



Binghamton City School District

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Dear BHS Families,

I'm writing to communicate our plans as we prepare to resume in-person instruction on Monday, Jan. 3. Beginning on that date, all students must report to Binghamton High School by 8 a.m. All students should report to their 1st period class, where we will discuss expectations and details of our new reintroduction plan. All students are expected to wear their ID badges at all times. Any student who arrives at school without a badge will have one printed for them, as has been done throughout the year. Other details regarding the changes that will be in place were outlined in my [December 23rd letter to families](#).

Additionally, the District Safety Committee has researched and met with two companies that offer scanning equipment to detect weapons and other unsafe items. The new system the district is considering, known as Evolv Express, maintains dignity through a non-invasive system for students, faculty, and visitors while keeping the high school safe from threats. The system scans for items that are potential threats and distinguishes them from personal items, such as cell phones and uses image-aided alarms for any needed secondary screening. The installation for the technology will begin on Jan. 3, and use will begin mid-week as a pilot program. There is no need for any additional protocols for the use of the system at this time. We will be conducting bag checks upon entry to the building until the system is fully operational.

We have a wonderful community, including many who have voiced that they wish to help. If you are interested in volunteering your time to support Binghamton High School students, we'd like to remind you to please fill out our [BHS Volunteer or Mentor Application](#).

We are proud of the way our community is coming together to form solutions to keep our students and employees safe. We will not let the actions of a few ruin opportunities for the rest of our students to be educated, empowered, and challenged in our classrooms each day. Thank you for your lasting support of a safer and stronger BHS.

Sincerely,

Kevin J. Richman

Binghamton High School Principal

Educating, empowering and challenging all students to become productive, global citizens through innovative approaches to learning.