



# Binghamton City School District

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Dear Binghamton Families,

Already, June is upon us, and the end of our school year is quickly approaching. This academic year, students, families, and faculty and staff have worked hard and accomplished so much, in spite of the challenges we faced.

As you know, the final day of instruction is Friday, June 12. Students will have the opportunity to collect their personal belongings and return school-issued items, such as Chromebooks, laptops and text/library books. (If your student doesn't need to pick up items, these items can simply be returned to the nearest school building.) The schedule for retrieving and returning items at school buildings is as follows:

Elementary students:	Middle school students:	High school students:
Tues, June 16 – Fri, June 19 Grades K-1: 10 – 11 a.m. Grades 2-3: 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. Grades 4-5: 12 – 1 p.m.	Grade 8: Tues, June 16, 12:30 – 3 p.m. Grade 6: Wed, June 17, 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. Grade 7: Wed, June 17, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Wed, June 17, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. (Alphabetically, by last name.)  A-D: 8 – 9 a.m. E-H: 9 – 10 a.m. I-L: 10 – 11 a.m. M-P: 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. Q-S: 12 – 1 p.m. T-W: 1 – 2 p.m. X-Z: 2 – 3 p.m.  Thurs, June 18, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. (For any student who is unable to come on June 17.)

Additionally, all instruments will be collected June 9 - June 16. Music teachers will be available at each building on June 9 from 12-4 p.m., and June 16 from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Summer instruments are available to all students enrolled in band and orchestra upon request.

Also quickly approaching is our school budget vote. Registered voters should vote using the absentee ballots that were mailed last week. **The district clerk must receive all absentee ballots by 5 p.m. on June 9.** If you are a registered voter and did not receive an absentee ballot, please contact the district clerk (762-8100 x318 or [browns@binghamtonschoools.org](mailto:browns@binghamtonschoools.org)).

I want to assure you that an individual's vote using an absentee ballot will remain private. Upon receipt of an absentee ballot, the envelope it was returned in stays sealed until the election inspectors determine there is no reason for rejecting the ballot (i.e., voter did not sign the statement on the back). After reviewed, the envelope is opened and the ballot withdrawn. The **unfolded** ballot is deposited into a ballot box until ready to be counted. This procedure prevents inspectors from seeing an individual's vote, and ensures the ballots are not

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linked to the envelope in which it was returned. This unique voting system is just another example of how we are adapting to the circumstances brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please continue to be a source of love, light and positivity. We are always stronger together.

With Patriot Pride,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tonia". The letters are cursive and fluid, with a prominent initial "T".

Dr. Tonia Thompson  
Superintendent of Schools