TULLY CENTRAL SCHOOLS

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Dear Parent/Guardians:

Our partners at Onondaga County are making it possible for high school students, ages 16 and 17, to receive the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, right at school. We are grateful for this opportunity and want to gauge the interest in our community, so we can coordinate these efforts with Onondaga County. Please complete the survey for us to gauge the current demand for the vaccine amongst our 16 and 17-year-old population. The survey can be found here: <u>Vaccine Survey Link</u>

Here are some helpful facts that you need to know for a better understanding of this initiative.

- The Pfizer vaccine is the only one that is approved for students 16 and 17 years old. Students who are 18 and over can receive any of the vaccines at public clinics or their doctor's office depending on supply.
- An advantage for students of getting vaccinated is that it will make it easier to participate in upcoming activities like concerts, amusement parks, etc. as businesses begin to open back up more fully.
- We are specifically trying to target our 16 and 17-year-old students for in-school vaccination clinics because the Pfizer vaccine is the only one approved for this age group, whereas an 18year-old (and over) student can receive any of the vaccines at other clinics or doctors' offices. An 18-year-old student will not be turned away but due to the limited supply of the Pfizer vaccine, we will be prioritizing 16 and 17-year-old students for in school vaccine clinics.

Please note that the in-school vaccination clinic will be designated to one of the four Southern Hills schools. These schools are Lafayette, Tully, Onondaga and Fabius Pompey.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in helping to get our eligible students vaccinated.

Sincerely,

Paul Schiener

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