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Dear Rockville Centre Community,

We hope this letter finds you well. Today, Governor Cuomo confirmed that schools are able to reopen in September. As you know, we've been preparing for all outcomes. As we finalize plans for a safe and healthy return of our students, we want to assure the Rockville Centre school community that we will continue regular communication, updates, and engagement with you. It is our intent to provide our final decision on how we return to school by next week.

Per the Governor, school districts are required to do the following before Aug 21st:

1. Engage with parents at least three times
2. Engage with teachers at least once
3. Post plans for COVID-19 testing and contact tracing
4. Post a remote learning plan

To that end, we will host our second and third live stream updates on Tuesday, August 11th and Thursday, August 13th, respectively, at 1 PM. We'll use this time to address topics covered during the Governor's conference call and discuss next steps as we move closer to the reopening of our schools. Moving forward, future live stream updates will be every Thursday at 1 PM.

Our second parent forum, in partnership with the PTA, is scheduled for August 13th at 7 PM. Please send your questions and input to [rvcptacouncil@gmail.com](mailto:rvcptacouncil@gmail.com), and we will do our best to address them during the forum. Additionally, we will add a third parent forum on August 20th. To provide parent interaction, we are looking at ways to answer questions in real-time. Along with the forums, our live stream updates should allow for consistent communication throughout the summer until the opening of schools.

We value our staff and we understand how important it is to connect with them. In an effort to engage our teachers and staff we are looking to meet with them a few times over the next few weeks. Currently, we are planning a staff forum for August 13th. Details will be provided to the staff early next week.

Our District Medical Officer, Tara Algerio-Vento, in conjunction with the local Department of Health, is finalizing COVID-19 testing and contact tracing plans. We hope to publish this information on our website by the end of next week.

Likewise, we are in the late stages of reviewing, amending, and adapting our remote learning model, and should have high school and remote learning plans/schedules posted online by the end of next week. A sample elementary schedule and middle school bell schedule are available online.

As always, the safety and well-being of our students and staff will guide all decisions. Given the uncertainty created by this pandemic, we are designing our plans to move back and forth between models as needed. Although circumstances have presented all of us with many challenges and some very difficult decisions, we will continue assessing the latest information, adjusting plans as may be necessary, and keeping the community informed on a regular basis.

Sincerely,

June Chang  
Superintendent of Schools