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Dear Rockville Centre Community,

In these challenging and uncertain times, we are all finding hope and strength through the support of those around us. I am grateful for the engagement of our community, committees, parent volunteers, volunteer teachers, administration, and the Board of Education in continuing to help craft our reopening plan for the 2020-2021 school year. There are certainly many different ideas on how we should reopen, and our committees have navigated through the difficult task of developing a plan that is best for Rockville Centre Schools. As I mentioned Wednesday evening at the PTA forum, our sincerest wish is to see all students back in our schools in September, in a safe and healthy educational environment. The safety and well-being of all students and staff are at the core of our plan.

Here is where we are:

We have posted a FAQ document on our website to answer many of the questions regarding the reopening of schools. Additionally, as presented Wednesday evening, here is an update on the three learning models for our plan:

In-person:

- We would have a transitionary period to welcome our students back and an orientation period for students to get back into the rhythm of a school schedule.
- This model is contingent on our ability to follow social-distancing guidelines at all three levels (elementary, middle, and high school).
- Navigating spacial constraints continue to be an incredibly challenging mountain to climb. We are looking at every avenue to return students back into the classroom.
- We are also looking into portable protective partitions that may meet the social distancing guidelines.
- These partitions in addition to the masks may meet the required guidelines to allow us to bring back all our K-5 students in a phased-in approach. We are awaiting further clarity on the use of these partitions.

Hybrid:

- We would look to reduce the number of students physically in the building in order to appropriately socially distance, pursuant to the guidance from the NYSED.
- Students would be cohorted into group A and group B.

Example:

- Week A (in an "A week", Group A attends 3 days in person and 2 days remotely):
  - Group A would attend in-person on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday.
  - Group A would learn remotely on Thursday and Friday.
  - Group B would learn remotely on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.
  - Group B would attend in-person on Thursday and Friday.

- Week B (in a “B week”, Group B attends 3 days in person and 2 days remotely):
  - Group B would learn remotely on Monday and Tuesday.
  - Group B would attend in-person on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.
  - Group A would attend in-person on Monday and Tuesday.
  - Group A would learn remotely on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.
- Wednesday would be the alternate day from Week A to Week B.
- Depending on social-distancing constraints and space, there may be a need to add a C group, particularly at the secondary level.

#### Fully Remote:

- All parents will have the option of choosing remote instruction.
- Students will follow a daily schedule.
- There will be daily live student/teacher interactions.
- There will be synchronous learning.

Next week we will send out a survey asking parents to select their preferred model based on the current NYSED guidance and answer a few other questions. It is important to respond to the survey questions as they will help guide us through our constraints in making a difficult, but necessary decision.

When the State makes a final determination on how we will reopen our schools, we will be ready to deploy any of the aforementioned models. Our next step is to submit our reopening assurance survey to the State as required and post our plan presentation on our website. Although we have our plan in line with the NYSED guidance, we will continue to refine and update our plan with details specific to the needs of Rockville Centre Schools. Additionally, we plan to partner with the PTA to set another date for a forum.

#### Resources

Reopening Plan Presentation from the Forum: [VIEW SLIDES](#)

Frequently Asked Questions: [VIEW FAQs](#)