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September 16, 2020 (revised)

Dear Faculty, Staff, Parents/Guardians, Students, and Community Members:

Since September 1, our District has experienced many “highs” by accomplishing the goals and objectives of providing in-person instruction to all of our students, UPK-12, in spite of the many difficulties and hurdles encountered in the planning for our reopening. With only a short period of time and with limited resources and funds, we were able to secure materials and supplies, ensure adequate staffing, purchase face masks, desk barriers, disinfectants, and PPE in addition to our normal teaching and learning responsibilities.

It has been a monumental task made possible by a number of people working together, including but not limited to: the Board of Education, school administration, support personnel, maintenance staff, transportation staff, the Re-Opening Plan Committee, parents/guardians, students, faculty, and staff.

I’m sure that everyone can probably imagine that the decision, made by the District, to pause in-person instruction on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> to review our current COVID-19 protocols, procedures, and instructional model was a set back to our hopes and aspirations for continuing to be able to provide in-person instruction in our secondary school. With our internal review, we determined that what we had hoped to do, as demonstrated by the plans and decisions that we made based on the best available information at the time that we crafted our Re-Opening Plan simply would not work moving forward.

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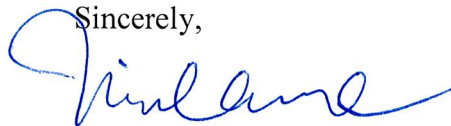
With all of that said, the District has decided, in consultation with a number of stakeholders, to move in the direction of a hybrid instructional model in the secondary school beginning Thursday, September 17. The elementary school will continue to offer in-person instruction five days per week as was originally planned.

Most secondary students will be assigned to a “Black” or a “Silver” instructional group that will determine which days of the week they will be required to attend school in-person and which days of the week they will be required to attend school remotely or virtually. Some students, with unique needs, will continue to attend school in the secondary all five days per week. Those students and families will also be made aware of that instructional model being created for them. Students who attend program, in-person program, five days a week will follow their normally scheduled class schedule or appropriately modified equivalent. Students who participate in CTE BOCES programs will attend their courses on their corresponding “Black” or “Silver” assigned day. They will attend their CTE BOCES programs virtually or remotely on the opposite days of their physical attendance. In very unique circumstances, students who attend CTE BOCES programs, such as the college credit bearing New Visions, or programs that require a minimum number of licensure hours determined by the State of New York, or similarly unique programs, will be allowed the option to attend in-person instruction five days per week on a case-by-case basis with Superintendent approval. Prior to any Superintendent’s approval, all necessary binding transportation agreements must be in place. The district is willing to provide transportation to and from CTE BOCES for all other programs provided that families transport students to and from the secondary building each day on days in which they are not assigned to in-person instruction according to their “Black” or “Silver” designation.

With all adjustments, there will be a need to attend to unforeseen issues and circumstances as they arise, so we ask for some grace and patience until we can work out any of the bugs that might arise due to this change in direction. Of course, what is currently proposed and planned is subject to change depending upon circumstances as they arise. If changes do occur, the district will communicate them as soon as possible.

If you should have questions, please contact the secondary main office or the school counselor’s office. As always, every teacher will continue to be attentive to each student’s needs and each teacher will make themselves available to offer assistance to students.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent of Schools

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