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Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Rocky Point School Community,

As we collectively count the remaining days until the start of school in September, we know that many in our district have questions regarding what school will look like when we reopen--especially related to what COVID-19 protocols (masks, social distancing, etc.) will be in place. While no local decision has been made on many of those matters yet, I want to share a brief update with the community on where we stand to date.

Contrary to past practices and what was expected, the Governor's office announced this week that the State would not be providing any COVID-19 guidance directives to school districts. Instead, school districts have been directed to use guidance from local health officials regarding the safe reopening of our schools. This move leaves us, as well as all districts, in a unique and unprecedented position. As such, our district has contacted the Suffolk County Department of Health for further information and clear directives.

We understand that the lack of a concrete answer so close to the reopening of schools can be stressful for our students, families and staff--and we share those concerns. Please know that our priority will continue to be the health and safety of all our students, staff, and families. As we work to navigate through this latest update, we ask for your continued patience. We have heard from many in our community who stand on both sides of the issue of masks being worn in our schools and will keep that in mind as we wait for input from the trained health professionals. Once received, the Board of Education will be apprised of any updated information, and we will develop definitive plans for the upcoming school year.

The district will be certain to communicate any updates received.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Scott T. O'Brien".

Scott O'Brien, Ed.D.

Superintendent of Schools