

# Miller Place Union Free School District

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## School Reopening Task Force

**Meeting:** 1

**Subcommittee:** Special Education

**Date:** July 7, 2020

**Time:** 4:00 pm

**Hosts:** Sandra Wojnowski – Executive Director of Educational Services

Jeremy Koch – Administrator for Special Education

<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>Title</b>
Jeanette Acardi	Teacher
Cory Breines	Operations
Janine Brischler	Teacher
Dr. Marianne Cartisano	Central Office
Susan Craddock	Central Office
Stacey Curti	Teacher
Nicole Farley	Teacher
Maureen Feddern	Teacher
Amy Fischer	Teacher
Anthony Flammia	Parent
SallyAnn Garbe	Office Assistant
Laura Gewurz	Administrator
Maria Gianino	Nurse
Kristin Hennig	Parent
Allison Shirreffs Leek	Parent
Elizabeth Martin	Teacher
Jennine McCann	Teacher
Dawn McCarthy	Parent
Shannon McNulty	Teacher
Kristy Tarsia	Parent
Diana Tufaro	Administrator

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## Meeting Minutes

The committee reviewed the purpose of the committee focusing on the 3 areas for special education 1) in district students 2) out of district students 3) home services. Special education acronyms, the IEP and specific parts of the IEP were defined for members so that there was a base of knowledge to work from. The CDC May 2020 guidance as well as Capital Regents BOCES May 1, 2020 documents were introduced to ensure committee members had access to them. *NYSED supplemental guidance numbers 1, 2, and 3 will be sent to the committee.*

Possible scenarios for school that were mentioned were 1) opening schools 2) opening schools with restrictions in place 3) hybrid model between distance learning and schools opened on modified schedule 4) full distance learning platform. Identifying obstacles that may be faced when trying to implement any of the above versions of school will be a goal of the committee along with aligning to possible opening solutions to state guidance.

Concerns with behaviors that could possibly surface from students required to wear/use PPE was noted. Description of how the regional summer school is working on day two and with masks. The Health and Safety committee will be discussing this further.

A committee member is currently working a BOCES Regional summer school. This participant was able to give firsthand knowledge of how happy students are to be back in school. In addition, this person was also able to give an update on how staff was feeling regarding the wearing of PPE and adhering to protocols.

The psychologists also spoke about ordering testing materials that would utilize technology as opposed to hands-on manipulatives. The teaching staff raised the point of supplying students with manipulatives for math lesson as well as science materials.

## Committee Questions

- 1) Will parents be given a choice for reopening between live instruction on-line versus students coming into school buildings was proposed? *This will be forwarded to the instructional committee to work on these options.*
- 2) Who carries the responsibility for disinfecting the buses? Will it be the responsibility of the district or the bus company? *This will be a transportation committee determination.*
- 3) What PPE do we have to help with for related services? *Face shields were secured for speech. Other masks (clear where wearers mouth is visible) were also discussed. Clear dividers were also mentioned as possible necessity.*
- 4) How are manipulatives going to be utilized for students if at home as well as in school? *Supply bags for manipulatives were mentioned as being planned for in other districts. Disposable manipulatives were brought as a possible solution.*
- 5) How will questions towards other committees come back to our committee? *The steering committee will look at the process of how answers will be disseminated.*

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- 6) How is the communication from task forces being sent out to the community? The steering committee will decide how information is publicized.
- 7) How are behaviors going to be addressed, even socially at the elementary levels where there is closer contact? This will be discussed in the future.
- 8) What are the District's protocols and procedures for staff and students regarding wearing face masks? This will be forwarded to the Health and safety committee.

Items for next meeting: Focusing on bringing the students back in school with differing restrictions. Possibly discussing a hybrid schedule.