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August 10, 2021 (5:15pm)

Re: MP Opening of School

Good evening Miller Place School District Community,

I hope this communication finds your family enjoying these final weeks of summer.

You may have already read the following statement from NYSDOH, dated August 6, 2021:

"With the end of the state disaster emergency on June 25, 2021, school districts are reestablished as the controlling entity for schools. Schools and school districts should develop plans to open in-person in the fall as safely as possible, and I recommend following guidance from the CDC and local health departments." Dr. Howard Zucker

[Statement from New York State Department of Health Commissioner Dr. Howard Zucker \(ny.gov\)](#)

You may have already read the information released from Suffolk County, dated August 9, 2021, which is attached for your reference.

You may have read the memo released from the New York State Education Department (SED), dated August 10, 2021, which is also attached for your reference.

School districts have also been issued guidance from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) which can be viewed via the following links:

[Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools | CDC](#)

[COVID-19 Guidance for Safe Schools \(aap.org\)](#)

The district is in the process of reviewing these various guidance documents, while we await direction from SED and our legal counsel.

The district is continuing to prepare for the upcoming school year which includes in-person learning, extra-curricular clubs, and athletics. As we consider COVID-19 related health and safety protocols we will keep the community updated via emails and/or public meetings.

Thank you for your continued support of our school community.

Dr. Marianne F. Cartisano

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