

**Floral Park-Bellerose School District**

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*Superintendent of Schools*

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The Floral Park-Bellerose School District is committed to providing a quality education to all of our students despite the effects of the global pandemic which has greatly impacted our learning community. With three pillars for reopening at the forefront, health & safety of all staff and students, a high-quality teaching and learning program, and the social and emotional health of our students, staff and families, we established a Re-entry Task Force. The task force was divided into four subcommittees; facilities, social emotional, health & safety, and teaching and learning. More than 50 individuals representing all stakeholders from our school community worked feverishly together to develop various models of school re-entry programs for September. The sub committees' extensive work was presented at a live town hall zoom meeting with the public on July 28, 2020. Over 400 school community members attended this presentation. Based on survey results and questions/concerns from the presentation, an FAQ document was posted on our website to provide clarity and keep all stakeholders apprised of all current information. Here is the link to the re-entry committee presentation and the FAQ document.

[Please click here for the re-entry PowerPoint.](#)

[Please click here for a re-entry survey FAQ.](#)

Recommendations from state health and education officials remain at the forefront of our decision making as we move to reopen our schools. It is important to note that this plan is fluid and will change as necessary. New directives from the Governor as well as regional changes in infection rates may require the need to alternate between in-school and remote learning throughout the year. We will be prepared to support a smooth transition between different models of instruction if needed.

Our Covid-19 safety co-coordinators are Dr. Juli Mulcahy, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Student Services, and Ms. Nora Epstein, RN District Health Coordinator. Through their combined efforts and frequent communication with the Nassau County Department of Health, stakeholders, families, staff and community members, will ensure the district is in compliance and follows recommended practices as per state and federal guidelines.

We remain committed to the three pillars of this plan; health & safety of all staff and students, a high-quality teaching and learning program, and the social and emotional health of our students, staff and families.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kathleen Sottile  
Superintendent of Schools

Mrs. Laura Ferone  
Board of Education President

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