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Dear Floral Park-Bellerose School Community,

We hope this letter finds you and your family healthy and strong, and enjoying the start of summer vacation. To say it's been a challenging school year would be putting it mildly. This year has had unprecedented challenges and has required an unprecedented coordinated effort on behalf of our children. We ended a very difficult school year on an overwhelmingly positive note. We successfully passed our District budget, we paid tribute to the many stakeholders throughout the community who have come together on behalf of our students, and we celebrated our sixth-grade students with graduation car parades at each of our schools. Thank you to all who contributed to this success!

Thanks to the hard work and commitment to one another that we have all demonstrated, we have been granted permission by the Governor to run the Extended School Year summer program in person for our special education students. All precautionary measures have been taken to provide our students with a safe and productive summer experience. This program will run from July 1st until August 11th.

Though this summer may look somewhat different from past summers, we hope that you will have an opportunity to rest, relax, and have some fun. Please visit our website for information on our summer school [Summer Activity Center](#). I know you will be impressed with the variety and creativity of our teachers as they put together an incredible menu of projects, virtual field trips and hands on experiences for all of our children.

It is important for you to know that although to date we have not received any updated documents from the Governor, State Education Department or New York State Department of Health, we have formed a re-entry task force committee consisting of administrators, staff and parents who will be reviewing the many possible scenarios for the opening of the 2020-2021 school year. We will keep you informed of our progress and any new developments that may arise.

As always, I am available for any questions or concerns you may have. Please email me at ksottile@fpbsd.org and I will get back to you in a timely manner. Enjoy the beautiful weather and your families.

Dr. Kathleen Sottile
Superintendent of Schools