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Dear Floral Park-Bellerose School District Families,

I hope this message finds you safe, healthy and taking all precautions as we navigate this world health crisis together. I want to assure you that although we are not physically attending school at this moment, our District is operating diligently each and every day to address and support your children in any way we can.

Our administrators, faculty, and staff are working tirelessly to prepare our continuity of learning plan for all our students. This plan will be clearly communicated to you by your teachers and administrators by the end of the day on Friday, March 27, 2020. Additionally, we are providing families with much needed resources, including distributing over 200 more iPads and handing out over 100 “grab and go” lunches at FPBS each day. We are also currently in the process of partnering with SCOPE Education Services and will be posting information for the children of our essential workers.

During difficult times such as these, our children look to us as a source of comfort. At times, this may seem like an impossible task. However, remaining optimistic will not only comfort your children now, but will also influence how they deal with difficult times they may encounter throughout their lives. I find that the sunshine we bring to the world shines back on us, and as the Optimist’s Creed states, let’s make a pact with one another “to look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.”

If you or your child(ren) are struggling during this time in any way, please reach out to your building principal who will assist you in finding the appropriate help. With all that has changed over the past few weeks, let us remember the strength of our resilient Floral Park-Bellerose Community. We are a strong, loving, and caring community, and I know that we are all here to support each other in this and all times of need. Stay safe and endure.

Dr. Kathleen Sottile

Superintendent

THE OPTIMIST CREED

To be *so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.*

To talk *health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.*

To make *all your friends feel that there is something in them.*

To look *at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.*

To think *only of the best, to work only for the best and to expect only the best.*

To be *just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.*

To forget *the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.*

To wear *a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.*

To give *so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.*

To be *too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.*

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