

Floral Park-Bellerose School District

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Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

In light of this emergency health situation, I would first like to thank you for your trust and support as we have been making strategic decisions each day to protect our children and staff. *At this point, we have no confirmed or suspected cases of the COVID-19 virus.* The following precautionary measures have been taken thus far and have been posted on our District website as well as both of our schools' websites:

- disinfection of door handles, stairwell handrails, and desks every night
- disinfection of cafeteria tables daily
- hand sanitizers available throughout the building
- informative posters are visible around the building reminding everyone to "cover that cough/sneeze"
- all buses are sanitized each day after every run
- as an added precaution, we will continue to disinfect and sanitize our schools and buses every Saturday as well as reinforce "cover your cough" and frequent hand washing with all students and staff
- provided guidance from NYSDOH as well as parent resources.

In addition to these precautionary measures, hand sanitizers will be available at our security desks and recommended for all who enter the building.

As we move forward and are concerned about our field trips and events which involve large gatherings, we feel it is necessary to act with an abundance of caution and reduce risk even more so for our students and staff. Therefore, *starting March 10th through March 18th*, we are postponing all field trips, large events, and our J LCS Musical Production.

We understand the value and importance of these activities for our students. *Our administration and staff are working diligently to reschedule all of these trips and events.* We understand that this is going to be disappointing and inconvenient for all of us; however, at this time we are making prudent choices to protect the health of our school community.

Our parent conferences are scheduled on March 19th and March 20th, and we will be providing information regarding these days as updated guidance is received. I have every confidence in our school community and our collective ability to navigate this situation with education, kindness and compassion for all.

Yours truly,



Dr. Kathleen Sottile
Superintendent of Schools

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