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Dear Valued Members of the Middletown School Community

Thursday, late in the afternoon, the New York State Education Department released guidance for schools to reopen in the fall 2020. This follows a framework of guidance the Board of Regents presented at their meeting on Monday, July 13.

The guidance is available on the New York State Education Department's website, <http://www.nysed.gov/>.

Our district will review the guidance carefully as we work together with faculty, staff and families to create a plan for reopening in the fall where the safety of our entire school community is paramount. Plans are required to incorporate both in-person and remote learning scenarios in order to account for our capacity to follow the Department of Health guidelines and COVID-19 infection rates at any given time. Both of these conditions could cause our district to pivot from one scenario to another.

As always, we are designing scenarios where equitable access to educational opportunities is at the heart of the scenario. The health and safety of your children continues to be our priority, and our plan will always be reflective of this priority. We will certainly keep our community updated as work progresses during the next two weeks. School districts are required to submit reopening plans to the New York State portal by July 31, with Governor Cuomo announcing a decision on the reopening of schools during the week of August 1.

Please keep checking our communication outlets (website and Facebook) for soon to be announced dates for virtual community forums.

With respect,
Richard Del Moro

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