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Dear Members of the Herricks School Community,

Today marks the last day of the 2019-20 school year. The past three months have been incredibly challenging, unsettling, and tragic at times. Yet through it all, we have come together as a community and have overcome many of the challenges that we have faced. I want to thank all of you: parents, teachers, administrators and students for your patience, courage and resolve. The many acts of sacrifice and kindness that I have witnessed during this time underscore the strength and resilience of the Herricks School Community.

We have created a reopening task force consisting of very talented and diverse parents, teachers, administrators and Board of Education Trustees. At some point over the summer, Governor Cuomo will be making a decision of whether or not schools in the state will reopen in the fall. The District will be planning for three possible contingencies as we await further guidance from the State Education Department: reopening schools, continuation of remote learning, or a hybrid model consisting both in-person and remote learning. We will keep everyone updated as plans are developed over the summer. Know that no matter what happens, we will continue our commitment to provide the best possible education for our students.

Congratulations to our fifth and eighth grade students who are moving up and best wishes to the Herricks High School Class of 2020; we are very proud of their many outstanding accomplishments, and wish them well as they move on to college and the world beyond. Our school budget vote results are posted on the Herricks website. The 2020-21 budget was approved by a wide margin and we deeply appreciate your continued support of our programs and facilities improvements, which the new budget will support.

Best wishes for a relaxing and enjoyable summer. I wish everyone some peace of mind, good health and happiness!

Regards,

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