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Dear Seaford Community,

As we enter the last month of school, I offer my gratitude for your continuous support and I would like to reflect upon our successes. Our Reopening of Schools Task Force did a fantastic job developing creative plans devised to keep students in school; over the course of the entire year, only one school was closed for two days. Proudly, we were one of the few districts on Long Island to start the year with full, in-person instruction for our elementary and middle school students. Our AM/PM hybrid model at the high school uniquely enabled all students to come to school for part of every day, which we believed was crucial for the continuity of instruction. With the support of the Board of Education, we also furnished nearly every classroom with an air conditioning unit to alleviate some of the discomfort from wearing masks. I commend our faculty, staff and administrators for working tirelessly to create the best possible learning environment for our students.

Over the last few weeks, there has been great consternation regarding new safety guidelines that relax restrictions throughout the community but do not apply to schools. I recognize the frustrations that may be felt by parents and students. Immediately, we will be able to implement some procedural changes that will lessen restrictions while staying within the NYSDOH guidelines.

This weekend, custodians will be taking down the desk barriers in all classrooms. At the elementary and middle school levels, they will be placed in the back of classrooms so that on Tuesday students can remove any personal items that may be affixed. High school students are asked to bring their barriers to school on Tuesday for collection. Please understand that if there is a positive case in classrooms where students are not separated by six feet, we may need to quarantine students.

In addition, while outside, there will be more frequent and prolonged mask breaks. We have devised protocols that allow for temporary mask removal and comply with State regulations.

While vaccine distribution is not a school function, several community members have asked if the District can provide access to them. Mount Sinai South Nassau has arranged for a mobile vaccine unit to administer vaccines to any community member aged 12 and older on June 10, 2021 at Seaford High School. The Pfizer vaccine is available for individuals aged 12-17 and the Johnson and Johnson for those over the age of 17. More information will be sent to the community regarding this event.

Lastly, teachers and administrators have been working arduously to plan celebratory activities for the end of the year. Given the new gathering capacity guidelines, we are pleased that many of them will be in-person and we will be able to come together as a community once again. Enjoy this Memorial Day weekend and I hope to see you at many of the celebratory events.

Very truly yours,

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