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Dear Seaford Families,

Welcome back to a school year that will certainly be unprecedented. We are pleased to be reopening our schools and are eagerly awaiting the return of our students, faculty and staff. I hope that your families are well and have been able to enjoy time with loved ones during the summer. Administrators, together with the clerical staff, have been preparing for the opening of our schools on September 8, 2020. Once again, our custodial and buildings and grounds staff have done a wonderful job preparing the facilities. We remain committed to providing a positive, safe and enriched learning environment for all our students that promotes achievement and growth.

This summer has been exceptionally busy. A tremendous amount of time has been devoted to planning for the reopening of schools. A sincere thank you is extended to members of the Reopening of Schools Task Force who worked tirelessly to review all state and federal guidelines, research best practices and develop recommendations for Seaford's reopening of school plans. Over the summer, there were several presentations regarding the District and building reopening plans which can be found by clicking here: [Opening Plans](#) and the related presentations are accessed by clicking here: [Presentations](#). In addition, we have created a Frequently Asked Questions document that is available on our website: [FAQ](#).

Prior to entering our buildings, students are required to complete the Seaford School District Health Screening Questionnaire. At the elementary and middle levels, parents will receive health screening tickets from the schools. Every morning parents must screen their children, which includes a temperature check and completion of the required screening ticket. Upon arrival, the ticket will be collected. If a student does not have a ticket, school personnel will screen the student. At the High School, students will be responsible for completing the daily health screening using the COVID-19 Screening App. As students enter the buildings, their temperatures will be taken using an infrared, non-touch thermometer.

The vast, majority of our students will be returning to in-person instruction. Although desks are six feet apart in many classrooms, it is not possible in all classrooms. Moreover, if a student moves his/her chair backwards, it lessens the six-foot distance. The CDC guidance states: *“Appropriate and consistent use of cloth face coverings is most important when students, teachers, and staff are indoors and when social distancing of at least six feet is difficult to implement or maintain.”* Focusing on the safety of students and employees, the building principals have issued letters regarding the specific procedures and protocols that will be in place for each of their buildings. A universal requirement is that all students and employees will be required to wear face masks. In addition, all student desks will be equipped with sneeze guards.

Please know that masks with a respirator (vented) and neck gaiters are not permitted to be worn in our schools. We realize that students will need to adjust to these procedures; therefore, face mask breaks will be part of the daily routines. Also, an additional 26 air conditioners have been installed in classrooms

throughout the District to increase the comfort of students and faculty. Nearly all regular classrooms have air conditioning.

During this school year, students also can choose a remote learning option. Once this option is selected, the student must remain in this learning environment for an academic quarter at the secondary level and a trimester at the elementary level. There will be a one-time only, two-week grace period that ends on September 22, 2020 (at 3:00 p.m.) in which students can add or drop the remote learning option. At the elementary level, there will be students assigned to the Remote Learning Center. Six remote learning educators have been hired (one per grade level K-5) to instruct these students daily. Also, these students will be assigned to a traditional classroom teacher in case a student returns to in-person instruction. Secondary students would receive instruction from their scheduled teachers by streaming into the classrooms.

Students who are attending in-person instruction will begin school on September 8, 2020. The schedule will be staggered to properly orient the students to the school procedures and provide them with personalized attention as they transition back to the classrooms. The schedules are as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Manor</b>	<b>Harbor</b>	<b>Middle</b>	<b>High</b>
<b>September 8, 2020</b>	Grades 4 and 5	Grades 4 and 5	Grade 6	Orientation Day 1 AM Session for Group 1 PM Session for Group 2
<b>September 9, 2020</b>	Grades 2 and 3	Grades 2 and 3	Grade 7	Orientation Day 2 AM Session for Group 2 PM Session for Group 1
<b>September 10, 2020</b>	Grade K and 1	Grades K and 1	Grade 8	Regular AM and PM Sessions
<b>September 11, 2020</b>	All Students	All Students	All Students	Regular AM and PM Sessions

Continuing with our Personal Digitalized Learning program, Mr. Fred Kaden, Mr. Thomas Lynch and the technicians have done a wonderful job preparing for the distribution of additional devices. Over the summer, the technology department has arduously worked to prepare for the fourth phase of implementation. Approximately 180 personal laptops will be given to all incoming sixth grade students. In the fall, all third-grade classes will be equipped with class sets of devices and there will be iPad carts in every classroom for students in grades K-2 at the Manor and Harbor elementary schools. Approximately 500 devices will be added to our elementary program during the fall to ensure all students will have access to their own devices.

Arrival and dismissal procedures for students will occur using additional egresses to allow for social distancing. We are in the process of hiring additional security guards to enhance an already exceptional department. These individuals will be posted at the various entrances and will assist with supervising the flow of traffic at the beginning and end of the day. In addition, we continue to review and enhance our building security and safety protocols. I would like to update you on some of the actions that have been taken:

- Video intercom systems will continue to be used at all schools. Security guards will be able to view and communicate with visitors prior to gaining entrance to our schools.
- Additional infrared, non-touch thermometers have been purchased. All visitors will be scanned prior to entering the schools.
- The health screening website that is being used for faculty, staff and high school students, must also be completed by any visitor prior to entering any building.

- Each building is equipped with a lock down system with panic buttons. In the case of a lockdown, a pre-recorded lock down message will be announced over the public-address system. Strobe lights on the outside of the building will signal that the school is in the lockdown position.
- A new, keyless entry system (swipe access) that is more secure is being installed on exterior doors to replace the existing system in the fall.
- Over the summer ten additional video cameras were added to the District property.
- Lanyards will continue to be issued to all students in grades 6-12 for displaying their school identification cards. Students are expected to wear these lanyards every day.
- The Anonymous Alert, web-based reporting system, remains available on the District website.
- Drop boxes will also remain available at the middle school and high school for students to anonymously comment on concerns or suggestions.
- The Rave Application is in place. In an emergency, building and district administration will be able to expeditiously communicate with the police using this system.
- The District will continue to partner with the Nassau County Police Department. Building principals continue to meet with our POP officers. In addition, administration has met with our NCPD resource officer to review security protocols.
- All schools will conduct the various emergency drills and debrief with law enforcement after the drills are conducted. These drills will be modified according to state guidelines so that the procedures allow for social distancing.

Planning for the reopening of our schools has been a herculean task. Gratitude is extended to the administrative team, faculty, staff and parents for your demonstrated patience and kindness. Together, we will stay Seaford Strong! Enjoy the remaining days of summer, and we look forward to seeing everyone on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

Yours in Seaford Pride,

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