



PLAINVIEW-OLD BETHPAGE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

106 Washington Avenue, Plainview, New York 11803

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Hello POB Families,

A few minutes ago, Governor Cuomo announced his decision about reopening schools. He decided to open schools for in-person instruction based on daily infections rates below 5%.

Please know your child's health and safety is our first priority and will continue to be as we work with our Principals and other administrators on the building-specific plans related to traffic flow, transportation, lunch/recess, educating students on wearing masks, respecting social distancing rules, and the importance of good hygiene. We will be requiring all students to wear masks except when eating, drinking and during scheduled mask breaks.

On Monday, you will receive a form to complete if you are opting remote learning for your child. This form will include specifics about the online learning plan.

I understand deciding to have your child return to in-person instruction or not is an extremely difficult. We understand for some, no matter what precautions and procedures we have put in place, having children in school with other children and adults is too risky. Or others, a level of comfort with our precautions make sending your child into school a safe choice. We are committed to respecting each family's decision and will not permit these individual decisions to be a source of division in our community. We are fortunate to live and work in a community that has options to offer families because of the tremendous support from our Board of Education.

I can assure we have listened and worked with parents, students, teachers, custodians, nurses, doctors, and our Board of Education. We have answered hundreds of emails and engaged our PTA's, Student Council, teachers' union, administrators and our building and grounds workers because we know each of these groups have a distinct and important perspective that has informed our plans and adjustment to our plans. I offer this information not to sway your decision, but as an assurance. For more information about the POB Reopening Plan, please visit our website at www.pobschools.org

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mary O'Meara".

Dr. Mary O'Meara
Superintendent of Schools