



# Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen

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*Constance D. Evelyn, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools*

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has issued many recommendations over the last few weeks to promote education about the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). In fact, in reviewing the news this morning, recommendations related to “social distancing” are reportedly already proving to be an effective measure to thwart the spread of this virus. More specifically, “social distancing” is the practice of being more thoughtful every time individuals or organizations contemplate getting together with a crowd or group to stop or slow down the spread of a highly contagious disease.

Having said this, I have encouraged our teachers to partner with you in utilizing alternate communication methods to meet with you for the purpose of parent-teacher conferences, including telephonic or technology-based solutions in the place of face-to-face meetings.

Unfortunately, I cannot make this a rule because the phones in our rooms do not have the function of being able to call out. Without this organizational capacity and the issue of uneven cell phone service in our buildings, this is unachievable.

The news reported a confirmed case of COVID-19 in Valley Stream Schools. To clarify, this is not a confirmed case. There is an employee of Valley Stream UFSD Thirty who is currently being monitored.

Thank you for your continued confidence and support.

Sincerely,

Constance D. Evelyn  
Superintendent of Schools