



Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you well. As you may know, the Governor released guidance that districts provide three (3) additional meetings focused on providing their relative school communities with information regarding reopening in September.

The first of these three informational sessions will be executed on **August 18th at 10:00 am**. The second session will occur on the same day utilizing our Board Meeting on **August 18th at 8:00 pm**. The third session will occur on **August 21st at 1:00 pm**. All three of these meetings will be conducted via Zoom and thereby, you will be provided with the necessary information to access these informational sessions.

Yesterday, we sent out a survey to formalize our data collection from those parents who prefer fully remote instruction, albeit, we will continue to be offering the instructional models that we shared in an earlier correspondence outlined below.

We have extended the deadline to collect this information from parents to August 19th to ensure that parents have access to at least two of the three informational meetings listed above.

At this time, we will be offering the following instructional models in the fall:

1. **Full In-Person Instruction for students in Kindergarten, 1st Grade, and small special education classes:** Students will attend school in-person each day that school is in session.
2. **Hybrid Instruction for students in Grades 2 through 6:** Students' classes will be separated into two groups – Group A and Group B. Siblings, regardless of grade, will be placed in the same letter group. The whole class will participate in remote instruction every Monday. Group A will attend school in-person on Tuesday and Thursday. Group B will attend school in-person on Wednesday and Friday. English Language Learner (ELL) students will participate in Group A and Group B and attend in-person Tuesday - Friday. Special education students designated for Integrated Co-Teaching will be assigned to Group A or B and also attend school in-person on Mondays.
3. **Instruction for medically vulnerable students:** Students will be provided accommodations that may include fully remote instruction.

We are scheduling all currently registered students for our planned in-person (K-1) and hybrid (2-6) instructional models as outlined above (#1, #2).

You may still request an accommodation (#3) for your child due to special needs or medical vulnerability. Please follow the protocol listed below.

Procedures for Requesting a 504 Accommodation

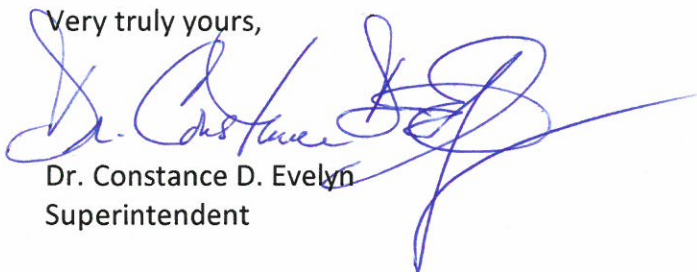
Students who may be at a higher risk for contracting COVID-19 due to a medical condition, may fall into the medically vulnerable/high risk group and may submit a request for an accommodation through the 504 Committee process. To be eligible for accommodations under Section 504, he/she must have a physical or mental impairment that “substantially limits one or more major life activities.”

Requests for such accommodations should be addressed to Lisa Sells-Asch, Assistant Superintendent for Special Services. This may be in the form of a letter or email (lsells@valleystream13.com). Please include documentation of the medical condition and/or risk factors that support the request for accommodations. The 504 Committee will then invite you to participate in a 504 meeting to review the request and/or develop a plan.

Families who are considering homeschooling as another independent option can obtain more information through the Office of Special Services by contacting Lisa Sells-Asch at lsells@valleystream13.com or (516) 568-6260.

As always, the health and safety of our students and staff remain paramount in all of our reopening decisions. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and patience as we collaboratively work to finalize a viable reopening plan for the Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen.

Very truly yours,



Dr. Constance D. Evelyn
Superintendent