



Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen

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

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Dear Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen Families,

Welcome back! I hope that this summer has been filled with good health and meaningful time spent with family.

The opening of the 2020-2021 school year will be like no other we have experienced in the past. Thank you for your patience and trust since this crisis emerged in March. We have regularly used data from the many surveys and virtual meetings to transform the delivery of quality instruction in emergent learning environments.

All families will have the opportunity to meet remotely with your child's teacher on September 2nd at 9:30 am for a brief orientation session. Teachers will repeat the orientation session at 10:00 am for families that have multiple children. Teachers will send links to the remote orientation prior to September 2nd.

Although many things have changed, and change is demanding, our district is encouraged by the opportunities presented by our planning process and the start of a new school year. Professional development opportunities were plentiful this summer, particularly relative to preparing educators to work effectively within new instructional models and safety protocols that have been necessarily developed. Strengthening these skills and practices will be a recursive process.

Facilities improvements continued to move forward including the replacement of casework, repaving of parking lots, renovation of art rooms, and in the installation of air conditioners. To date, there are less than ten classrooms left to complete the district's air conditioning project. We expect to conclude these efforts in the next few weeks.

In responsively prioritizing the value of health and safety in our school buildings, we know that we are not currently meeting all of our families' needs within the instructional models that were developed. Please be assured that within the first six (6) weeks of school, we will continue to assess our organizational capacity with a particular focus on increasing our level of service in relation to our 2-6 hybrid model.

Thank you for your partnership in providing the best possible outcomes for all children.

Very truly yours,

Constance D. Evelyn, Ed.D.
Superintendent