



Reopening 2020-21: A Blueprint for Success

June 2020

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VALLEY STREAM DISTRICT THIRTEEN

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Our schools are the center of our community for learning, nutrition, safety and the social emotional health of our students and families.

The intent of this document is to clearly outline the efforts of Valley Stream District Thirteen to develop a Reopening Plan that aligns with state and federal recommendations and guidelines due to safety and health concerns resultant from COVID-19. This effort is consistent with the district's commitment toward educating the whole child and enabling our community to access high quality education in a safe and healthy environment. This document will assist the district in comprehensively identifying and targeting resources in support of continuous improvement for all students.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR REOPENING:

- Maintaining student, staff and community health and safety
- Promoting continuity of instruction
- Ensuring access and equity for all students
- Meeting the needs of all students and families
- Providing regular communication with all stakeholders including families, staff, and community partners
- Working within our fiscal capacity

CREATION OF SUPERINTENDENT'S TASK FORCE:

The district will be inclusive in the development of a Task Force that will work to finalize a Reopening Plan that reflects the voices of all stakeholder groups of our school community. Members of this Task Force will include members of these groups including our parents, teachers, support staff, cafeteria staff, maintenance staff, administrators, Board Members, community partners.

The Task Force will be comprised of a Steering Committee and individual District Subcommittees focused on Health & Safety, Continuity of Instruction, Operations, and Communication.



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Assistant Superintendent for Special Services

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Mr. Bryan Bortzfield,
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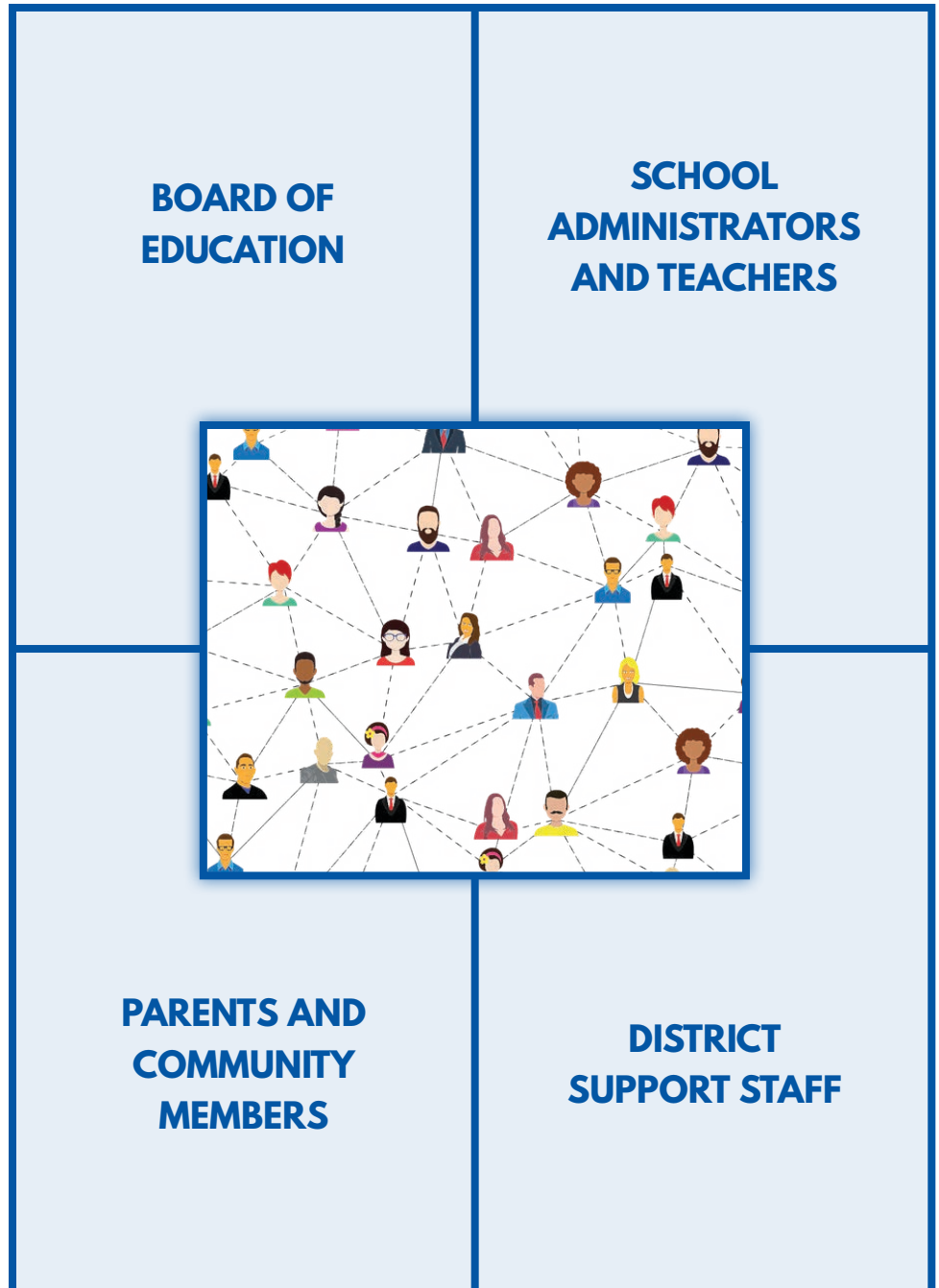
SUPERINTENDENT'S TASK FORCE

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The Superintendent will use guided focus groups for members of all constituencies to provide input and feedback. The Superintendent will collaborate with leaders of the District Committees to identify interested individuals no later than July 2nd.

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TIMELINE & CALENDAR



- The Steering Committee will convene regularly to discuss the progress being made by each subcommittee beginning June 18
- Focus Groups will be invited to contribute their thoughts digitally beginning on July 6 and will convene on July 13 and 14
- Virtual Town Halls will be held the week of July 20 to share progress in planning with the community and gather additional feedback
- Final documentation will be submitted to the Steering Committee, led by the Superintendent, on July 31
- Reopening 20-21: A Blueprint for Success will be released to the public in early August
- The Board of Education and all members of the school community will be updated regularly throughout the process

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