



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,

As we finish our seventh week of school, we are celebrating the collective accomplishment of welcoming all K-3 students and families that hoped to be attending five (5) days weekly. We have continued to monitor the effectiveness of our health and safety protocols alongside our partners at the Nassau County Health Department. We also recognize that like us, many districts in Nassau County are increasing their in-person instructional services to include more grades.

Our commitment to the review of our instructional models and equitable access to in-person instruction has resulted in our decision to provide five (5) days of in-person instruction for students in the 4-6 hybrid model. The class sizes in grades 4 – 6 range from 15 to 23, with an average class size of 19 students.

Again, the results of our September parent input form demonstrated that most parents would prefer that we bring students in the hybrid instructional program(s) back to school in-person. **This change will take place on October 27, 2020.**

This revised model provides more service to our students in grades 4-6 while allowing our buildings to continue to operate at a lower density as close to 35% of our students are still engaged in fully remote learning. We are working on hiring more special area teachers (i.e., art, physical education) to ensure a comprehensive schedule for all of our current and returning students.

Parents in grades 4-6 will receive a letter from their principal by Thursday, October 22nd. This correspondence will provide updates on the new schedule and any modified procedures, and will also inform you of the number of students who will attend in-person in the class. Parents should contact the building principal with any further questions or concerns after receiving this building-based letter.

The District will continue to review our levels of service and provide future opportunities for families to share input regarding their preference for instructional models as we get closer to December. Families participating in remote learning will continue in this instructional delivery model until December 18th.

Very truly yours,

Constance D. Evelyn, Ed.D.
Superintendent