# Commack U.F.S.D. Board of Education

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT JUNE 17, 2020





# Budget Vote and Trustee Election Results

Through multi-year, strategic planning, and with significant community input, we developed a fiscally sound budget, to present to the community.

#### **Budget Vote Results**

Nearly 7,500 mail-in ballots were counted

- 5,332 Yes Votes
- 2,128 No Votes

#### The Board of Education Trustee Results

- William Hender (incumbent, ran unopposed) Total Votes: 5,157
- Susan Hermer (incumbent) 3,401 v. Michael Weisberg 3,021

Thank you for supporting our students and the entire educational program in Commack.

# Reopening Task Force Envisioning the Reopening of Commack Schools Under COVID-19



The steering committee will identify items to consider related to the opening of schools during the COVID-19 pandemic. Recommendations will be made to the Superintendent for inclusion in a "Blue Print" for re-entry under COVID-19.

It is our goal to keep learning alive and our students connected while maintaining the health, wellness and safety of the entire school community.

#### **Task Force Members:**

Dr. Donald A. James – Superintendent of Schools

Jarrett Behar – Board of Education

Laura Newman – Assistant Superintendent for Business

Amy J. Ryan – Assistant Superintendent for CIA

Jordan Cox – Executive Director of Instructional Services

**Leslie Boritz – Principal Commack High School** 

Michael Larson - Principal Commack Middle School

Katherine Rihm – Principal North Ridge Primary School

Nicole Kregler – Director of Guidance

**Richard Schramm – Director of Facilities** 

Eugene Girardi - District Physician

John Murray – Commack CTA President

John Kelly – School Psychologist

Diana Bishop – Nurse

**Christopher Guiffre – Security** 

### Reopening Task Force Envisioning the Reopening of Commack Schools Under COVID-19



MAY 13, 2020

Identify and
Categorize Items to
Consider Related to
Opening Schools
During COVID-19
Pandemic

WEEK OF MAY 18, 2020

Work on
Recommendations
Related to Categories
to Consider for
Opening During
COVID-19 Pandemic

MAY 26, 2020 – JUNE 5, 2020

The Chair of Each
Subgroup will Initiate
a Meeting(s) to
Brainstorm
Recommendations

June 10, 2020

What have we learned and/or surfaced?

TBD

Make
Recommendations to
the Superintendent
for Inclusion in
Blueprint for
Reopening Schools
Under COVID-19

# Items to Consider for "Blueprint to Reopen"



Facilities, Health, Security

Co-Curricula

Transportation

Instruction

Personnel

Mental Health & Outreach

Multi-Racial Curriculum Review Panel

PPE for Students and Staff	Entering Facility	Before & After School Activities	Remote Instruction	Classroom Arrangements	Lunch Service
Nurses Offices	Restroom Facilities	Large Group Gatherings	Student Supplies	Retrofitting Current Classrooms	Moving About School
Body Temperature Sensors	Building Use	Large Group Testing	Alternative Settings	SCOPE	School Visitors
COVID-19 Protocols	Auxiliary Buildings	Field Trips	Supply Kits for eLearning	Transportation	Staff/Student Vulnerability

Chaired by Jose Santiago and Jordan Cox – First Meeting TBD

#### **Conversation Starters**

What are the most important conversations we can have to prepare for the safe and effective reentry of our students and staff...



How do we accommodate our staff and students to ensure they are safe to return?

How do we assure we are addressing the needs of ALL learners.

How do we reach the depth and breadth of learning in a remote setting?

What could school buildings look like to support **social distancing**?

How do we provide for the safe transportation of our students?

How can we make our use of technology more impactful i.e. 1:1 Initiative?

I'd like to talk about our kids' social and emotional health.

How does COVID-19 impact the physical space of a classroom?

What is and what should be distinctive about Commack's curriculum? Is the curriculum accessible to all?

# What Have We Learned and/or Surfaced?

#### **Guiding Principles**

- The social emotional well-being, health, safety and security of our students and staff is paramount to the successful reopening of Commack Schools
- It will be critical to have strategies and supports for students, families and staff members in place for each phase of recovery
  - (before reopening, immediately after reopening and long-term support).
- It will be necessary to identify the potential gaps in student learning, to ensure the successful growth of our students toward the end of the school year.







- Additional Data Gathering
  - Parent Survey: Strength Based Model
- Make Recommendations to the Superintendent for Inclusion in Blueprint for Reopening Schools Under COVID-19
  - Awaiting guidance and/or regulations from Governors office.
  - Proposals for reopening based on guidance and/or regulations are due to the State by July 15, 2020.
    - Proposals regarding reopening will be shared at a public meeting prior to submission to the State.
- Begin Making Modifications and/or Purchases
  - Begin making modifications to space if necessary, modifications to Instructional Programs etc.
  - Begin purchasing materials to make modifications and address Instructional Programs
     (i.e. Temperature Sensors, Masks, etc.)

# Questions from the Board of Education?