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Dear Beacon Community:

I am pleased to share an update with you on our plans for students to return to full in-person instruction on Wednesday, September 8, 2021. Both the New York Department of Health and the New York State Education Department have advised school districts to follow guidance from the Center for Disease Control and so as a result we will be implementing the following for the school year. Some key bullet points are below. I am attaching the slides I will use tonight at the Zoom Town Hall if you want to read them and we will post a video of the Town Hall on our website by Monday. The Zoom information for tonight at 7:00 will come in a separate email.

- We are excited to welcome all of our students to a return to school for five days of in-person instruction. We are discontinuing hybrid schedules for the upcoming school year.
- Masks will be required for all individuals, students and staff, regardless of vaccination status. We will review this policy throughout the school year.
- We will adhere to the CDC distancing requirement of 3 feet. When not feasible, layered prevention strategies will be implemented.
- All classrooms are outfitted with a portable HEPA filter and MERV-13 filter.
- We will continue to use a daily health screener.
- Cleaning protocols will be continued.
- We will continue to promote vaccination opportunities.
- We will be prepared to offer remote learning to all students, a school, or a classroom if there is a closure due to COVID-19.
- We are exploring the possibility of offering remote learning on a very limited basis for students with serious medical conditions. We will share more about this when we know more. We may receive further guidance from the New York State Department of Education on this topic in the coming days.

We may need to revise or change our plans based on changes in guidance in the coming weeks. I will continue to communicate these changes throughout this process.

Sincerely,

Matt Landahl

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