August 11, 2021

Dear North Babylon Staff Member,

As indicated in my previous communication, I will continually keep the staff abreast of any new developments regarding guidance about opening our schools for the 2021-2022 school year. On August 9, 2021 the Suffolk Department of Health released guidance for schools to use as a resource when developing their plans for opening our schools this fall. This guidance can be found here: Suffolk Department of Health Opening Guidance. Using this guidance, The Center of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) information, and collaboration with stakeholder groups, I will share my recommendations with the Board of Education so we collectively make decisions that ensure a smooth, safe, healthy, and meaningful transition back to school this fall.

There will be an Emergency Board of Education meeting on August 18, 2021 at 7pm at the Robert Moses Middle School to continue our discussion as we develop our plans for opening schools. You are more than welcome to join us to be part of the conversation and to share your thoughts. If you cannot attend in person, you can watch the live stream of the meeting using the following link: <u>Board of Education Youtube Channel</u>.

On behalf of the entire leadership team and the Board of Education rest assured we are committed to providing our students and staff a safe and healthy learning environment where all of our students can thrive. This process is about collaboration, understanding, flexibility, kindness, listening to one another, and most importantly, doing what is in the best interest of our students. I look forward to working through these experiences together.

Warm Regards,

Glen A. Eschbach Superintendent