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Dear North Collins Central School District Families,

I hope this email finds everyone enjoying the summer months! As you may have seen this past week, districts across NYS, including North Collins CSD, are developing plans to reopen schools in September using guidance documents from the New York State Education Department and The New York State Department of Health. Our priority is to create a plan that is safe for students and staff while also recognizing the social/emotional and academic needs of our students.

The Governor has stated that if a region is in Phase IV and the infection rate in that region stays below 5%, schools will reopen for in-person instruction. Governor Cuomo has set a deadline for the first week of August as his time-frame to make a final determination for reopening schools based on the COVID-19 data at that time.

The guidance we are receiving from the NYS Department of Health on in-person instruction will require students to wear masks or cloth face coverings when social distancing of at least 6 feet is not possible. Acceptable face coverings for COVID-19 include but are not limited to cloth-based face coverings and surgical masks that cover both the mouth and nose. Additionally, students must wear a face covering to ride the school bus and wear it while entering and exiting our schools. We are also considering plans for face covering "breaks" for students when they are engaged in meals and classroom instruction. These face covering "breaks" will occur when individuals are able to socially distance and/or when there is a physical barrier available.

As we work to finalize our reopening plans, another critical part of the plan is developing a transportation protocol that keeps our students safe, while maximizing the number of students we can transport to our buildings for in-person instruction. We are asking for your feedback on the reopening of schools by taking a moment to complete the reopening survey found at the google link:

<https://forms.gle/MTzNhvkXM1uyi9BS7>

The survey will be open until Friday, July 24, 2020.

The support and partnership with families and the community is critical for the safe return of our students and staff. We will be sending more information to you via email as well as posting our plans to the District's website. Our final plans are due to the New York State Education Department at the end of this month.

Additional information regarding the NYSDOH reopening guidance can be found at:

[https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/Pre-K\\_to\\_Grade\\_12\\_Schools\\_MasterGuidance.pdf](https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/Pre-K_to_Grade_12_Schools_MasterGuidance.pdf)

Thank you for your continued support of the North Collins Central School District.

Please stay safe and I'll see you along the way.

Sincerely,

Scott Taylor