

# Letter from Superintendent School Reopening Parent Forums

August 7, 2020

Dear Dobbs Ferry Parents and Community,

This morning Governor Cuomo gave the “green light” for reopening schools in New York State. There is much that needs to be resolved including issues related to testing and contact tracing since we are still waiting for guidance from the County Department of Health. The announcement did not address questions related to a remote-only “option” for parents who choose not to send their children back to school. We raised this question again this week in a meeting with our Regent Fran Wills and District BOCES Superintendent who remain unclear on the way that this is positioned in the original guidance document and we hope that it will be addressed in any forthcoming Executive Order.

The Dobbs Ferry School District will host three parent forums next week (one for each school) to share information regarding reopening plans and schedules for students – both in-person (hybrid) and remote as required by the Governor’s announcement this morning.

- High School - Tuesday, August 11 at 6 p.m.
- Springhurst – Wednesday, August 12 at 6 p.m.
- Middle School – Thursday, August 13 at 6 p.m.

Parents may send questions ahead of time so that we can address as many concerns as possible during the forums.

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[shparentforum@dfsd.org](mailto:shparentforum@dfsd.org)

[msparentforum@dfsd.org](mailto:msparentforum@dfsd.org)

The forums will be Livestreamed as well as hosted via Google Meet. Information with the links will be sent on the morning of the forums.

We are also required to post remote learning plans separately on the District’s website by the end of next week. This information already appears in the current Reopening Plan posted on July 31<sup>st</sup>.

We appreciate all of the important feedback that we continue to receive from parents and look forward to continuing to engage with our parents, students and community next week.

Sincerely,

*Lisa Brady, Ed.D.*  
Superintendent