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Dear Brooklyn Avenue School Families,

The school staff and I are pleased to welcome all of our students and their families back to BAS for the 2021-2022 school year!

The following safety protocols will be implemented beginning on Thursday, September 2nd as recommended by the CDC and American Academy of Pediatrics:

- Students will arrive no earlier than 8:25am and immediately enter through the front door.
- Parents are encouraged to monitor their child's wellness prior to sending them to school.
- The breakfast program begins at 8:10am.
- Students and staff will wear masks indoors.
- Mask breaks will be given safely throughout the day.
- Masks outdoors for recess and physical education will be optional.
- The students' desks will be spaced in rows without shields as per guidelines.
- Sanitizing and disinfecting of the school building will take place daily at 3:30pm.
- Restrooms will continue to be used one at a time with an adult monitor in the hallway.
- Students will have access to the hydration station to refill water bottles. Fountains remain closed.
- Students will be able to wash and sanitize hands throughout the day.
- Lunch will be in the classroom; masks are permitted to be off only when eating or drinking without talking.
- Specials will be in the classroom with the exception of physical education.
- Students will not share materials.

Upon entering the school, the students will be very impressed with the wonderful job that our custodial team did cleaning, polishing and painting the building. Our classrooms are ready with one-to-one device distribution to our students on the first day. The students in kindergarten and first grade will receive iPads and grades 3, 4, 5, and 6 will receive Chromebooks. Second graders will begin a transition from iPads to Chromebooks one class at a time this year. These devices will travel between school and home with the students each day.

The Valley Stream UFSD 24 School Board, our Superintendent Dr. Sturz, and central administration provide a great deal of support and encouragement to the Brooklyn Avenue School. Also, we are fortunate to have a hard working and dedicated Parent Teacher Association.

We are excited to continue the high expectation and wonderful traditions at the Brooklyn Avenue School as we commence to another wonderful school year.

Yours truly.

Scott J. Comis, Ed.D.

Principal