



VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24

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Last week school districts received long-awaited guidance with regard to reopening of schools from the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) on Monday, July 13 and from the New York State Education Department (NYSED) on the evening of Thursday, July 17. On the evening of Friday, July 18 the Governor sent school districts additional clarification on the guidance received that week.

School districts are required to submit reopening plans to NYSED and post the plans on the district website by Friday, July 31. The reopening plans must include three models: full in person instruction, a hybrid model combining in person and remote learning, and full remote learning. Any or all may be needed and utilized at any point as the year progresses, depending on circumstances. Notification will be sent out when the district reopening plan is posted on the website next week.

The Governor has indicated an intent to make a statement the first week in August with regard to reopening schools in NYS. Once that has occurred, school districts will be able to formally determine which model they intend to reopen with in September. The decision of which model to start with will depend on the governor's order, the current status of COVID-19 in our area, and what the district believes is the safest way for students and staff to return to school.

Stay safe and be well

Dr. Don Sturz

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