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Dear Southwestern Families:

I just wanted to provide a quick update regarding the upcoming school year! We still have no official guidance from NYSDOH or NYSED. We have been provided interim direction from the state. We have received the following from NYSED.

Like all of you, the New York State Education Department (Department) is anxious to receive health and safety guidance from the Governor's office and the New York State Department of Health (DOH) concerning schools for the 2021-2022 school year.

The Governor's staff has informed the Department that guidance from DOH is in development and the latest guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control will serve as its basis.

Here are some key highlights as we move forward.

- We will be opening up school five days a week for all buildings.
- You must notify the Building Principal by Friday August 10, 2021 to arrange for a meeting if you require a remote/virtual option for schooling.
- We fully anticipate that we will be required to wear masks. We are monitoring this closely and will keep you updated.
- We will host an in person question and answer forum regarding the reopening of school on Wednesday August 18, 2021 at 12:00 PM and 7:00 PM in the High School auditorium. We will be sending out a form link next week for you to submit questions for the forum. After the forum is held we will post all questions and answers to the SWCS Website.

The past 18 months has been incredibly challenging for everyone and we appreciate your continued support and patience. Please reach out with any questions. We look forward to a great school year with our kids!

Regards,

Mrs. Donahue

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