

July 20, 2020

Dear Members of the Henry Viscardi School Community,

I hope that you are having a safe and relaxing summer thus far. I am writing to provide you with an update regarding school reopening plans for the fall. Last week we received reopening guidance documents from the State Education Department and the Department of Health. We are actively reviewing the guidance as we finalize our plan to submit to the state by July 31, at which time our plan will be made available to our HVS community. The Governor also announced that he will make a decision on reopening schools during the first week of August.

Our Reopening Task Force, which began meeting in May, is developing recommendations in four important areas related to our reopening plans: health and safety; instruction; mental health needs; and operations. The procedures and practices in our schools will look different but be assured that we will continue to support the growth and development of each and every child.

It is our desire to have all of our students, faculty and staff return safely to school in September. Pending Governor Cuomo's decision, we are planning for three possible scenarios: a full return to in-person learning, remote learning, or a blended model of instruction, consisting of both.

The health and safety of our students and staff remain our first priority. We thank you for continued support and cooperation.

Best regards,



Angelo Zegarelli
Head of School