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Dear Uniondale School District Community,

Earlier in the school year, the District was considering the possibility of bringing select scholars back – specifically grades 3, 6, and 9 - to an in-person learning environment if circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic allowed us to do so safely.

Unfortunately, both Uniondale and our surrounding communities have seen a serious uptick in the positivity rate in COVID-19 testing. This presents a continued danger to our scholars and staff if we were to reopen our schools for in-person learning, even on a limited basis. The Board of Education agrees with the District's Reopening Committee's recommendation to continue to have all scholars who have been on a remote schedule remain on an all-virtual learning model until such time as we see a reduction in the positivity rate and the COVID-19 vaccination becomes more available to our community members.

This decision means no new scholars will be transitioning to in-person instruction on February 2nd. We appreciate the isolation and academic struggle that many of our scholars are experiencing and the burden this continues to put on parents and caretakers. With the wider distribution of the vaccine scheduled in the coming months, we will continue to monitor the positivity rates to see if there is a more appropriate time to begin bringing our scholars back into our schools.

The health and safety of our scholars, staff, and families continue to be our District's top priority. I thank all of you for your continued patience and understanding during these unprecedented times. I look forward to welcoming all of our scholars back when it is safe to do so.

In Service for Children,


Rhonda Taylor
Acting Superintendent