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The Floral Park Bellerose School PTA welcomes you back. These last few months have been challenging and the uncertainty of the future has taken its toll on our families and community. As we look toward the first PTA meeting of the 2020-2021 school year taking place on Tuesday, September 29, we want to update you on our activities and outreach over these last weeks.

The PTA Board met several times this summer in preparation for the upcoming school year. Current NYS and CDC Guidelines have changed the way we can engage the school community for the near future. With that said we are not going to let that stop us from providing a full calendar of engagement opportunities for students, families, and the community at large. We hope you will get involved in whatever capacity you can to support these efforts.

To ensure we are up to date on all policy updates and changes that impact our school community, PTA President Rosalie Cancellarich has been regularly communicating with regional leadership from NYS PTA. We have also been actively cataloging and communicating questions to administration regarding the schools reopening and supported parent-led efforts to gain clarity on items of concern. As parents in the district, we participated in the public meetings leading up to the reopening of school and asked questions related to our personal concerns individually and independent from our roles as PTA leadership.

Early yesterday morning Dr. Sottile sent a letter outlining the details surrounding the suspension of the hybrid model on October 9 and the return of students five days a week beginning October 13. If you did not receive the letter or timeline, please visit the Floral Park Bellerose School District website.

For our upcoming meeting we have extended an invitation to school and district leadership to provide an overview of the reopening process to date as well as answer questions from membership. Please watch for communication from us providing the virtual meeting dial-in details. In the meantime, we ask for you to submit to us any questions or concerns you have regarding the current school year so we can share those with the appropriate district leadership in advance of our meeting to give them an opportunity to prepare responses. Additionally, if you have any program ideas or topics of interest you would like us to explore, include those as well. Please submit all correspondence to FPBSPTA@gmail.com.

We look forward to your partnership and participation for the coming year. See you at the meeting Tuesday!

Sincerely,

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