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Dear Uniondale Families and Staff:

As we continue to monitor the rise in the number of COVID-19 cases in our community, we remain committed to keeping our scholars, staff, and community residents safe. Despite the availability of vaccines, the number of positive cases in Uniondale continues to rise weekly. As such we need to remind families and scholars of the need to limit any travel during the winter break, February 15th to February 19th to emergency travel ONLY. We also suggest that families and staff refrain from hosting or attending large Superbowl gatherings this weekend as this can be a conduit for community spread. Staff members and families who are forced to travel during the winter break should abide by the New York State travel restrictions and not return to school until cleared via testing, or after the ten-day quarantine period. These restrictions are put in place to keep all of our families and our educational community safe from expanded community spread.

As we consider all of these factors, we have decided to reopen our **current** in-person school on **Monday, March 1st rather than Monday, February 22nd**. This will allow for an additional week to help ensure our scholars and staff return to school as COVID-19 free as possible. Therefore, all in-person scholars will be on the virtual platform from February 22nd to February 26th. We understand that there are families for whom this may be inconvenient, so we are advising you of this at this time so that families are able to make appropriate arrangements.

As we continue to work to keep our community safe from the different variations of this virus, I urge you to continue to follow all of the CDC safety protocols including social distancing of at least 6 feet, constant handwashing, and wearing of either the N95 mask or double face coverings. I advise that you extend these practices by wearing face coverings even when you are in your home but socializing with anyone outside of your household members.

In Service For Children,


Rhonda Taylor
Acting Superintendent