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EUDES S. BUDHAI
Superintendent of Schools

Dear Westbury Learning Community and Families,

You are truly missed! We are hopeful that you are in good health and in the best spirits under the circumstances. While we can't wait to have you back with us, we remain as vigilant as ever about safeguarding the health and wellness of every student and staff member in our district.

On Friday, August 7, Governor Cuomo announced that all school districts statewide are allowed to reopen flexibly for the 2020-2021 school year based on low infection rates in every region. We are still awaiting further guidance from the New York State Department of Health and New York State Education Department. Please visit our [Westbury UFSD Reopening of Schools webpage](#) to review our Comprehensive Reopening of Schools Plan.

In preparation, we will be moving the first day of school for our students to further establish safety protocols and prepare our faculty for a different way of teaching and learning. The following is the new schedule for the beginning of school. Your child's building principal will be sending out more detailed information regarding transportation, pick-up and drop-off, classroom configurations, class schedules, policies, procedures and more.

Personnel/ Schools	Dates	Mode
Staff	August 31- September 3	Professional Learning Week
All Students	September 4, 2020	First Day of Classes: REMOTE ONLY ALL students remotely log in to google classroom/google meet
Dryden, Drexel, Park, Powells	September 8, 2020	First Day of Hybrid ~ A/B Schedule two-day rotation
Middle School	September 4-18, 2020	100% Remote
Middle School	September 21, 2020	First Day of Hybrid ~ A/B Schedule two-day rotation
High School	September 8, 2020	First Day of Hybrid ~ A/B Schedule two-day rotation

To help simplify this complex plan, Governor Cuomo has also asked all districts to post detailed information regarding testing, contact tracing and how we will be equitably handling remote learning. This information will be posted on our district's website next week. In addition, we will also be scheduling a series of Question and Answer sessions to address any questions and/or concerns that you may have as we approach the beginning of the school year. Please refer to the schedule below, which includes the ZOOM link to log in (there will be a max of 500 per session):

To access the meeting click here: ZOOM link		
Days	Dates	Times
Mondays and Wednesdays	August 12, 17, and 19	2:00pm -3:00pm
Mondays and Wednesdays	August 12, 17, and 19	7:00pm-8:00pm

It is important to note, however, that these are still unprecedented times. What may work in September may not work in November or January, however by working together we are confident that we will adapt to the changes that we may need to face this school year. The Westbury UFSD's Re-Entry Planning Committee has been working diligently to account for the flexibilities necessary in order to be well prepared.

Our promise is to be transparent and open with our families, faculty, students and community every step of the way. We are also incredibly thankful for the insight and perspective each member of the community provided through the Thought Exchange platform, which helped inform our plans to meet your specific needs.

While the incoming school year will look different, our passion for education and unwavering commitment to empowering our Westbury students will not waiver. Our priority is to ensure that we are prepared to open and operate in a safe and healthy manner for our students and staff. Thank you for your continued patience and support throughout these challenging times.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eudes S. Budhai". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Eudes S. Budhai
Superintendent of Schools