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Dear Laura Curran, Nassau County Executive, and Dr. Larry Eisenstein, Commissioner of the Nassau County Department of Health,

We write to you today in solidarity as a Board of Education in need of your cooperation and support. Rockville Centre School District has recently re-opened to allow our students to come back to full in-person learning if they so choose. Now our goal is to keep schools open, yet we have been put in an impossible situation since the current contact tracing and quarantine protocols are confusing and contradictory to the new CDC guideline of three feet.

We have worked diligently with the Nassau County Department of Health for our contact tracing and have done so with fidelity. As new CDC guidance was recently released on March 19th, we need to ensure that contact tracing protocols are immediately amended to reflect those changes. We are calling on the Department of Health to:

- Align district contact tracing and quarantine protocols with CDC Guidelines
- Provide consistency among school districts in carrying out these protocols
- Provide clear and written guidelines that provide clarification and help districts to restore trust in their communities

As you well know, the pandemic has taken a toll on everyone. Our students, staff, and families have been as patient as possible and have shown great resilience throughout this public health crisis. Please ease the burden that has been imposed on all of us by aligning the protocols with the guidance. We are counting on you to partner with us to provide a consistent and healthy educational experience for our students.

Sincerely,

The Rockville Centre Board of Education