Dear Millbrook Families!

These are exciting times for the Millbrook CSD! We have spring break about to start and the launching of Phase 3 of our Re-Entry Plan that includes a full-time, in-person learning option for families!! Full-time remote learning remains an option for families who do not wish to have their child(ren) return to in-person learning.

- **April 12** - Elm Drive and Alden Place - transition to full-time, in-person for families who choose this option
- **April 19** - MS & HS - transition to full-time, in-person for families who choose this option
  - The week of April 12th will be the last hybrid model for our secondary students.

You should have received an email last night with the link to your Commitment Survey for the 4th quarter. If not, here is the link again - [Commitment Survey](#). Please complete by March 29th at 5:00 PM. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

**Please note:** we are asking families to make a commitment for the remainder of the school year.

**CALENDAR UPDATES**
The Board of Education recently approved an updated [2020-2021 calendar](#). These updates include 2 Give-Back Days (unused snow days). One day was tacked on to the end of spring break (April 5) and the other was added to the beginning of Memorial Day weekend (May 28).

Also during the Board meeting, it was announced that **April 6 - 9 will be full remote days for all students**. This will allow us to maximize instructional time and, at the same time, protect the return of our in-person learners.

**REMOTE WEEK (after spring break) - COVID-19 TESTING**
Millbrook Central School District will conduct voluntary rapid COVID-19 testing on Friday, April 9, 2021, for all students who have provided parental consent for testing. This testing will be conducted as a Drive-Thru at the Millbrook Middle School, please call the main office when you arrive (845-677-4210) and a Registered Nurse will come to your car to conduct the testing.

You will be asked to provide your child’s name and date of birth; consent will be confirmed; and, then a nasal swab sample will be collected. If your child is not comfortable having a nurse collect the sample, they may collect it themself following the nurse’s directions, or a parent may collect the sample. Once sample collection has been completed, you will leave the parking lot, and will be contacted by email if your child’s result is “Not Detected” and by telephone if your child’s result is “Detected.” Parents and students will remain in their vehicles during the entire testing process.

Testing will follow normal school hours and appointments will not be required. Testing will be held from 7:40 AM to 3:15 PM.

Please contact your building School Nurse with any questions.

**FALL II SPORTS & SPECTATORS**
While there has been some press around the new guidance for athletic spectators at indoor and outdoor events, the protocols in Section IX have not changed. There will be no spectators for the remainder of our fall 2 sports at our indoor events and our outdoor policy remains the same (two spectators per athlete).
The Section IX Protocol committee will meet in the near future to discuss protocols for our spring sports season. More information will be released over the coming weeks in anticipation of the April 19th Spring Sports kick-off.

**COMMUNICATIONS UPDATES**

Some of you may have noticed that our mass messages have started to look a little different this week. This is because the District is moving towards a new and expanded communications program called Blackboard Mass Notifications. This new service is integrated with our website and other information systems like the district calendar and SchoolTool. We can now reach our community members faster and easier by phone, email, text, and web posting. This new messaging system draws from the contact information already on file in SchoolTool and other systems, so there should be no action necessary for most parents and guardians to be included. With that said, if anyone has any specific questions or concerns about their general and emergency notification contact information or preferences, please contact the appropriate school’s main office or our central help desk (helpdesk@millbrookcsd.org) for assistance.

Additionally, we are excited to announce our new **Millbrook Central School District mobile app** which will allow users direct access to many of the areas on our website and can also send push notifications whenever we send out emergency and/or informational messages. The app is available in both the Google Play and iTunes App stores at the following links:


Our mobile app is available to anyone who wants to follow Millbrook CSD and has one place to find the majority of our online content and web portals. We will continue to regularly grow and develop app content to make it easier for our community members to stay connected and informed.

Hope you have a most amazing Spring Break.
Stay well. Stay in touch. Have Fun!!

Sincerely,
Laura
Your Proud Superintendent of Schools