Dear Cape Henlopen Families,

We wanted to take a few moments and update you regarding returning to school on September 16, 2020. Thank you so much for your prompt attention to the Learning Opportunities Commitment Form. We are so excited to welcome back our students in-person, in a hybrid model, and remotely.

**We have great news.** Students who have registered by August 14, 2020 will be guaranteed spots for in-person or hybrid learning if requested. All Pre-K to 5th grade students, who chose a face to face option, will go in-person, five days a week. Students in grades 6-12, who chose a face to face option, will go in-person, two days a week (either Mon/Tues or Thur/Fri). More information regarding this will come from your child’s school next week. No matter what option you have chosen (including full remote instruction), attendance is mandatory all five days.

As we look towards reopening, we are working to increase health and safety measures and that starts with you at home. All Cape Staff Members have the opportunity to be tested for COVID-19 at home prior to coming back to school and then monthly throughout the school year. We are asking you to do the same. There will be two COVID-19 testing sites in our community on August 26, 2020 at Beacon Middle School and August 27, 2020 at Mariner Middle School from 9:00am-5:00pm for our Cape students and families. A flyer will be sent soon. Other sites will be available in the coming weeks as well. We are encouraging you to have your child(ren) tested now and ongoing throughout the year.

Also, **ALL** students will be wearing masks to school for the health of themselves and others. Some of our younger students or students with disabilities may need help learning to wear masks, but this will be a requirement for our District. Please see the attached document about face masks and have your child(ren) practice wearing their two-ply masks often and for sustained periods of time. Mask protocols are expected to be followed and will be a part of our Code of Conduct.

Our teachers, administrators and other staff members are looking forward to the return of our students! More updates and information will be forthcoming from each school. We are truly delighted to be offering options for our families. Please direct your questions to your child’s school.

All of our best,

Robert S. Fulton, Superintendent

Jenny Nauman, Assistant Superintendent