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DR. TAHIRA A. DUPREE CHASE
Superintendent of Schools

September 28, 2021

Dear Westbury School District Family,

The Commissioner's Determination on COVID-19 Testing, dated September 2, 2021, mandates that P-12 schools are required to ensure school employees have COVID-19 testing performed at least once per week when a school is in a geographic area identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as having low, moderate, substantial, or high transmission rates. Under this new mandate, all school district employees of the Westbury Union Free School District are permitted to opt-out of mandatory weekly screening testing if they provide documentation showing that they are fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

All school district employees are required to complete a Google Form that will be used to determine if an individual is eligible to opt-out of the mandatory weekly COVID-19 testing. For your convenience, please use the following link <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd79bTuQRRolhuPG363keXhbnJAFIUCbmsSeXzNsri1ti77Pg/viewform> to access the required Google Form. Please complete this form by Friday, October 1.

Please note, If you indicate that you are fully vaccinated, you will be required to submit proof. Definitions of "proof of vaccination" are provided in the survey. Employees are considered fully vaccinated against COVID-19 two weeks after a second dose in a two-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or two weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine.

By no later than Friday, October 8, 2021, employees who have not provided the District with proof that they have been vaccinated must provide the District with proof that they have received a COVID-19 test. Any COVID-19 test that has been FDA or DOH authorized (e.g., PCR, antigen), and conducted by a NYS approved laboratory is acceptable. You may provide written proof that you were tested including, but not limited to, a negative test result or note from the doctor indicating that the test was performed.

Please further note that until this specific state mandate ends, school district employees will be required to submit proof that they have been tested every week and the written proof will be due each Friday via Google Form. If school is closed on a Friday, then the proof of testing is due the last working day of the week.

Westbury School District Family, we are still navigating through uncharted territory. I believe when we continue to work together, we will overcome this challenging time. Your cooperation and diligence will help to keep our school district safe for everyone. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tahira A. DuPree Chase".

Dr. Tahira A. DuPree Chase
Superintendent of Schools