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Dear Dr. Brown:

On behalf of the Board of Regents, Chancellor Betty Rosa, and Interim Commissioner Shannon Tahoe, I am pleased to inform you that you have been selected to serve on the New York State Education Department's Reopening Schools Regional Task Force.

As you know, Chancellor Rosa and Interim Commissioner Tahoe recently announced the formation of this Task Force to guide the reopening of our schools when it is safe to do so. Four Regional Task Force meetings will be comprised of parents, teachers, school and district leaders, school board members, and other interested parties. By working together as partners, we will ensure that the issues of health, safety, and educational equity always come first.

Regional Meetings

In the first phase of our work, we will host a series of four virtual Regional Task Force meetings. These meetings will include experts and stakeholders from the fields of health and education who will provide their expertise, answer questions, and give feedback to the Board of Regents and the Education Department. The meetings will be held on June 15 and 17 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on June 22 and 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Each Task Force meeting will include nine break-out sessions in the following areas: Health and Safety; Transportation, Facilities, and Nutrition; Teaching and Learning; Digital Equity and Access; Budget and Fiscal; Social-Emotional Needs; Special Education; Bilingual Education/Multilingual Learners/Bilingual Learners; and Staffing/Human Resources.

Please attend the Regional Task Force Meeting on June 17, 2020 and participate in the Transportation/Facilities/Nutrition break out session.

In the coming days, you will receive a Zoom invitation link to join the meeting. The invitation will include a detailed agenda.

In the second phase of our work, the Board of Regents and the Department will review and consider the input received at the four Regional Task Force meetings and elsewhere, and use that input to make policy and regulatory changes to help guide schools and school districts in the safe reopening of their schools.

Recording Notification

Please note that these meetings will be recorded for future review, transcription, and inclusion in an online repository. By attending the meeting, you are consenting to have your audio and video comments recorded.

Please RSVP

Please let us know if you can serve on the Task Force by responding to this email at reopeningschoolsregionaltaskforce@nysed.gov.

We thank you for your interest in serving, and we look forward to working with you on this critically important undertaking.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kimberly Young Wilkins". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K' and a circular flourish at the end.

Kimberly Young Wilkins