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Dear Colleagues:

On behalf of the New York State Board of Regents and the State Education Department, I convey our sincere appreciation for the long hours you invested this summer crafting reopening plans and preparing safe and engaging learning environments as you welcomed students in September. You continue to impress us with your resilience and resourcefulness as you meet the unprecedented challenges faced every day in your schools and districts.

As we continue our work, the members of the Board of Regents acknowledge the uncertainty that abounds this school year. I can assure you that the Interim Commissioner and the Department are closely monitoring the situation throughout the State. Additionally, the Department will continue to provide you with updated information and resources as well as the flexibility needed to ensure educational access and a robust and engaging learning experience to students.

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