

# Rye Neck Schools

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Dear Rye Neck Families,

After our students returned to school, hopeful for a bright start as they navigate through the pandemic, our extended weekend has started with hardship for many in our Rye Neck community. We are aware that the night of Wednesday, September 2nd was sleepless, stressful, and perhaps traumatic. My father-in-law is a retired Mamaroneck business owner and we were heartbroken to learn that his old building and business were devastated. Businesses and homes in our Sound Shore area were hit hard.

However, as our residents gather to celebrate Labor Day or Rosh Hashanah, these are opportunities to connect with family and friends and remind ourselves that the foundation of our Rye Neck community is relationships, not structures or material.

Hurricane Ida has caused some damage to our school district, but our schools will be ready for students to return safely on September 9th. Thanks to members of our custodial staff and grounds crew, who were onsite early Thursday morning and throughout the day, most of the encroaching water was kept out of our buildings. The most severe effect was in the grounds crew maintenance garage, where four feet of water left damage to vehicles, landscaping equipment, and supplies. We are currently assessing what has been lost and what will require replacement. Most of the water that covered parts of the athletic fields has receded and they will be ready for practices and games soon.

Our Rye Neck team wishes you all a safe weekend.

Best regards,



Dr. Eric Lutinski  
Superintendent of Schools