

# Rye Neck Schools

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Dear Rye Neck Families,

We are happy that the storm's effect on our campuses was limited and that we were only closed for one school day. Yet, we are also aware that it will take time for some of our families to overcome the impact on their homes, possessions, and possibly employment. The start of school may be a welcomed relief to parents, but we want to know if there are things you need to make sure your children begin the school year successfully.

*Please contact us if you have a specific need.*

- Will attendance be an issue?
- Do your children have a place to do schoolwork outside of school?
- Has your contact information changed temporarily?
- Is a relative now taking your child to and from school?
- Has your home technology access changed?
- Has your child's access to medication changed?

If these or any similar questions relate to your situation, please stay in touch with your school's main office, attendance, nurse, and of course your child's teachers. Our contact information may be found on our new Rye Neck website, [ryeneck.org](http://ryeneck.org).

## **Food Service**

Like last year, healthy and well-balanced meals are available, at no cost, to every student in our district for the 2021-2022 school year through the USDA as part of the National School Lunch Program. If you need help providing breakfast or lunch meals for any Rye Neck student, our food service may be able to help. Lunch is accessible to any K-12 student on all school days, and MS/HS students also have easy access to breakfast service. Breakfast can be arranged for K-5 students. If you need assistance or have any questions related to your child's food service, please contact our Food Service Director, Mrs. Christine Torregrossa, at 777-4845 or [ctorregrossa@ryeneck.org](mailto:ctorregrossa@ryeneck.org).

## **Social Emotional Health**

Our staff is ready and available if your child needs help. Our social-emotional health specialists, which have always included psychologists in each building and counselors at both the Middle and High School, have been reinforced by a K-5 counselor and a district social worker. Please contact the appropriate person in your building if you need assistance or advice.

- **DW** Mrs. Michelle Bowman (Kindergarten), Psychologist, [mbowman@ryeneck.org](mailto:mbowman@ryeneck.org), 777-4236 or 777-4710  
Dr. Laura Finkelson, Psychologist, [finkelson@ryeneck.org](mailto:finkelson@ryeneck.org), 777-4236 or 777-4710 (grades 1-2)

- **FEB** Mrs. Vanessa DioGuardi, Psychologist, [vdioguardi@ryeneck.org](mailto:vdioguardi@ryeneck.org), 777-4639
- **K-5** Ms. Alexandra Skolnick, Elementary School Counselor, [askolnick@ryeneck.org](mailto:askolnick@ryeneck.org), 777-4200 or 777-4600
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### Local Government Resources

Our local government websites have a variety of information ranging from advice on refuse disposal to how to apply for FEMA aid.

- [Village of Mamaroneck](#)
- [Town of Rye](#)
- [Rye City](#)

### Donations

Items like school supplies or backpacks, for example, are appropriate to donate to schools. Each of our schools is engaging in some form of collection or student activism, such as collection bins for school supplies at entry points or communal locations inside the MS/HS building. Typically, these efforts become more student-led at the higher grade levels. We can match up donated school supplies with students in need.

Natural disasters often wind up being positive expositions of humanity, and we have seen that on display in our community in the wake of Ida. There are many community-based efforts that are currently underway and have been organized by families and organizations such as the Community Resource Center based in Mamaroneck. I encourage you to participate as you are able.

Best regards,



Dr. Eric Lutinski  
Superintendent of Schools