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Dr. Howard Zucker Commissioner of Public Health New York Department of Health Corning Tower, Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12237

Dear Commissioner Zucker,

We, along with school superintendents, parents, and children across the state, are anxiously awaiting guidance from the department on COVID protocols as we prepare for the upcoming school year.

The Department's refusal to offer guidance is a complete abdication of its responsibility to public health and leaves families in a state of uncertainty. State Education Commissioner Betty Rosa has already issued a letter to school superintendents expressing her concerns about the lack of guidance from the State Department of Health.

We disagree with your contention that the Department of Health does not have the power to issue guidance and directives. As Commissioner, you have a duty to protect the health of New Yorkers. There must be uniform guidelines in place for every school district as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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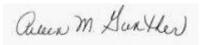
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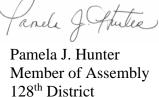
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