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Dear Uniondale Community and Staff:

These past two weeks have demanded we all make adjustments and sacrifices as we adapt to the “new normal” brought on by the Covid-19 health crisis. However, I believe you would all agree that one segment of our community – our first responders – are facing unique challenges in caring for their families, especially their young children, as they leave home every morning to report to work, putting their own health and safety at risk in service to our community. We would like to take this moment to once again express our deep appreciation to all the health care professionals and support staff in the Uniondale community and across our region working in hospitals; nursing, rehabilitation and other health care facilities; the EMT crews working on ambulances; police officers; and our volunteer firefighters who continue to answer the call during these difficult times. They are our heroes on the front lines every day.

California Avenue School Open to Children of First Responders. In Uniondale, we would like to go a step further in showing our appreciation for our first responders. We want to give first responder children a safe, nurturing, nutritious environment throughout the day while their parents or guardians are dedicating themselves to protecting our health and safety. Towards this end, the Uniondale School District has partnered with SCOPE to provide a full-day program at the District’s California Avenue School. This program is open to first responder families in the Uniondale community.

This SCOPE program will follow all social distancing guidelines as prescribed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the NY State Education Department and state and local health departments. Within that framework, first responder’s children will be assisted with their distance learning school work, offered nutritious breakfast and lunches, and provided with other engaging activities throughout the day. To register a child in this program, first responder parents or guardians should call Dina Pendel at 631-360-0800 ext. 120 or Mindy Labriola at ext. 164. To register via the SCOPE Education Services Online Registration System please visit: www.scopeonline.us.

For additional information please see the links below to the “Emergency Child Care Informational/Instruction Sheet” and to the “Frequently Asked Questions” pages of the SCOPE website:

- [SCOPE-Emergency-Child-Care.pdf](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

I wish you and your families well during this rapidly evolving situation. Thank you for your public service to the community always. We know that this closure is challenging for all of our families. Please know that we stand ready to assist you in any way possible. We thank you for your service during these unprecedented times.

We are all in this together. As a community, united, we will emerge from these unprecedented times stronger for our efforts. Stay safe.

Sincerely,

Dr. William K. Lloyd
Superintendent of Schools