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Colleagues:

On April 29, 2020, NYSTRS held its first virtual Board meeting. The Board extends its well wishes to you and your family. Additionally, I want to highlight that the Board is impressed by the team’s efforts to maintain business operations, deliver excellent customer service and adapt to this new and evolving environment.

As you are aware, the current New York State “pause” remains in effect until May 15, 2020. NYSTRS, as an essential business, is currently operating with 25 of our colleagues reporting to Corporate Woods. As we approach the middle of May, you may be wondering about your own timeline for returning to the building.

The answer to this question depends on several factors, including: 1) The date that the “pause” in the Capital District expires; and 2) NYSTRS’ incorporation of Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and New York State post “pause” COVID-19 guidelines into our business practices.

To prepare for this transition, we are proactively drafting a plan to shift our workforce from the current work-at-home arrangement, back to Corporate Woods. This plan will include a phase-in schedule designed to stagger the number of employees returning to Corporate Woods, while also incorporating the most up to date COVID-19 related workplace protocols. I will share additional information with you once the plan has been finalized.

I want to assure you that the decision on the timing of reopening Corporate Woods to more employees will be made solely with your well-being in mind.

I will provide further updates as new information becomes available. Thank you for your continued efforts and positive can-do attitude during these very uncertain times.

Take care,