

April 4, 2020

To All our Wonderful Students & Families,

I hope you are all safe during this unprecedented time. We want you all to know how much we miss you and cannot wait when we can all be together once again. I know this time is very tough and it has been extremely frustrating to have to complete course work through remote learning. I have to tell you, your teachers fully agree with you on this. They cannot wait to get back to the classroom. However, we cannot let this pandemic stop you from achieving everything you have worked towards.

Closing school will not stop you from accumulating your credits, passing your Regents, or graduating. We will do everything we can to make sure each and everyone of you crosses the finish line.

Please continue to log into Jupiter and complete your course work. We will be open on Tuesdays for students without computer access to pick up and drop off work. Feel free to reach out to your teachers, mentors, and other support staff as you need help. We have the best staff around and if my email is any indication, they are all working nonstop to support you. So make use of us and make use of this time to get caught up in all your classes—including classes from quarter, so please do not let that stop you either.

Need access to technology? You can apply for a computer here:

<https://coronavirus.schools.nyc/remoteteachingdevices/> We have also been applying for grants to purchase computers and will update you if we receive it.

Need internet? You can apply for free internet here: 1-844-488-8395. This is only for new households in existing service areas and installation fees will be waived.

Feeling lonely, overwhelmed, or just need someone to talk with? Our counselors, teachers, and mentors are available Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Please call them or reach out on Jupiter. If you need to talk to others specifically about issues around the pandemic, you can call the New York State COVID-19 Emotional Support Hotline, 7 days a week from 8 a.m. – 10 p.m. at 1-844-863-9314. The Putnam County Crisis Hotline is also available 24 hours, 7 days a week at 1-845-225-1222.

In the meantime, enjoy your family and be sure and catch up on all your favorite TV shows and all those movies you were going to watch but never got around to. Sign up for Zoom so that you can invite friends and families to have virtual parties. Most importantly, wake up and set a routine every day as if you were coming to school. We will get through this and I can't wait to see all of you again in the coming weeks.

Take care and be Safe (miss you all),

Dr. A