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JFK School Community,

We hope our latest update finds you and your family safe and in good health. As we enter the third week of distance learning, we continue to adapt and make progress during these challenging times. We want to commend the resilience of our students and parents/guardians in navigating this adjustment to our daily lives. Equally due is a commendable nod to our educators, who have shifted their instructional methodologies and professional capacities in stride. The collective efficacy placed into JFK’s educational programming and our school community’s response ensure that the teaching and learning processes continue for the benefit of *our* students. We are in this together as we *all* continue to balance the health and wellbeing of ourselves and our loved ones.

This week, we conclude Phase 1 of our remote learning efforts. Students should submit the first round of packets electronically to their respective educators in English, Math, Science, and Social Studies by Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Students may submit their work via email or by uploading to PowerSchool, OneDrive, or Microsoft Teams. Our students have taught us just how technologically proficient they are during this time – we ask that they utilize one of the many methods to digitally scan and submit their paper packets. A few snapped pictures on a smartphone/tablet and your paper assignment is ready to be submitted via email. Several electronic applications will permit you to do this; we have listed a few below. We linked the top two applications to YouTube tutorial videos. We encourage you to Google the following applications and learn more about which one will work for you and your child:

1. [Microsoft OneDrive](#)
  - a. Document on how to do this [HERE](#)
2. [Apple’s Notes Application](#)
3. Adobe Scan Application
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4. Scannable Application
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Educators will work with students to specify their preferred method of submission, yet will be flexible based on the needs of our students. At this time, we are not collecting paper packets from those students who are not able to submit electronically. As soon as it is safe to do so, we will communicate to students how to submit paper packets. In the meantime, we ask that you stow it in a space where it will not get lost.

Phase 2 of remote learning begins on Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> and includes 4 required electronic packets containing 5 days of work for the core academic areas (Math, Science, Social Studies, and English). The packets are located in two places for electronic download. The district website has ALL packets that will be disseminated during Phase 2. You can find the link to this page [HERE](#).

We have also created these packets so that they are digitally accessible (you can write text and/or interact with them), but they will require students to **download** the file and open it from Adobe Acrobat Reader. Please understand that from an email inbox these files will automatically open within your web browser (Chrome, Safari, Internet Explorer); however, you will not be able to save your information. **We have an opportunity to teach our kids about technology – which is rare!** These files need to be saved in the same manner we did prior to web-based file storage and management. The advantage is students will be able to complete assignments at their pace and return to them when needed. When complete, they will be able to upload/submit their completed packet to their educator. We have detailed instructions for both computer and tablet/smartphone accessibility [HERE](#) (please take a minute to review them). The digitally accessible version of Phase 2 packets are located [HERE](#). We hope these options will provide you and your child with greater accessibility and ease to engage in the learning process.

For those who would prefer to pick up a paper packet instead of the above-stated options, we ask that you complete a very brief survey. This will help us identify how many copies we will need. You can find our survey [HERE](#). Our pick-up will take place in front of JFK's Main Office. We ask that you come in through the North Entrance (Red House side) which is the same location of the bus and drop-off location. Please loop around as the buses normally line up until you arrive to the main office area. We will be there to collect your name and distribute your needed packets. We will practice social distancing when handing out items. The pick-up dates and times will be this Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 12 pm to 6 pm, and Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 8 am to 12 pm.

With Spring vacation around the corner (4/10), students and faculty are asked to halt all distance learning during the vacation period. If school is closed beyond April 20<sup>th</sup>, we will announce Phase 3 of our distance learning plan which will include instruction in all subjects. In the meantime, elective and non-core subject areas will provide enrichment opportunities to students during Phase 2. If there is a Phase 3, we will organize and provide academic packets from these important content areas.

We understand that all of this is overwhelming; we are attempting to provide as many enrichment opportunities and modes of accessibility in which our students are willing to participate. Learning new technologies is not new to our students, and we are confident they will rise to the occasion and teach us many things in the process...

Unity and focus will ensure our resilience through this. We are beyond grateful for ALL you have done to support our efforts and in keeping *our* students the priority. Thank you.

Respectfully,

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