



Dear D15 Friends and Families,

We hope this email finds you in good health and in the best of spirits given our current situation. CEC15 is still here for you and we hope you will call on us to assist with any of your school community needs. We are working closely with Superintendent Skop and the Department of Education to answer some of your many questions. Below you will find information that may be useful to you at this time. Please send questions if you have any.

We recognize that a lot of emails are coming from various sources. We want to be respectful of your in-boxes and will be limiting our email communications. Please check our [Facebook](#) page for a stream of news and information. We are learning more about holding Remote Meetings and will keep you updated on how to participate.

Lots of information can be found on the Department of Education website:

<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/>

Stay safe and stay POSITIVE - You got this!

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Remote Learning Device Request Form:

To help students stay connected during emergencies, the DOE is lending internet-enabled iPads to support remote learning for students. If you would like to request a device for a NYC student in your family, please fill out the [Request Survey form](#). The DOE will use the contact information you provide to get in touch with you to discuss when and where you can pick up a device. Priority will be given to students most in need, and all devices are granted on a temporary basis and will later need to be returned. There is a limit of one device per student. Click here to be re-directed to the Remote Learning Device Request Survey: <https://coronavirus.schools.nyc/RemoteLearningDevices>

60 days of free WiFi from Spectrum to NYC students:

According to a [press release](#) Friday, Charter Communications, the parent company of Spectrum, is now offering households with K-12 students or college students free Spectrum Wi-Fi for 60 days. To enroll your household in this Spectrum offer call 1-844-488-8395. It is important to note, **customers who sign up for the free service will automatically be billed for using internet access after the first 60 days unless they call Spectrum to cancel the service.**

Free Meals from School Foods (OFNS):

There will be three meals available daily for all NYC children in all schools through today, March 20th. Beginning Monday, March 23, meals will be distributed at more than 400 sites across the city. A site lookup tool is here: <https://www.opt-osfns.org/schoolfoodny/meals/default.aspx>.

Postponed: Parent Teacher Conferences for High Schools K-12 and 6-12 Schools (Afternoon):

Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences for high schools, K-12 and 6-12 schools originally scheduled to take place this week will be **rescheduled**. These parent teacher conference dates are citywide. However, schools may hold conferences on alternative dates, with approval. Please check with your school for details. Specific start and end times are determined by each school.

Pre-K Applications:

All NYC families with children born in 2016 can now apply to Pre-K for All. The pre-K application deadline has been extended. The deadline to apply is now March 29, 2020.

<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enroll-grade-by-grade/pre-k>

Middle School applicants will receive their offer in April:

<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enroll-grade-by-grade/middle-school>

High School Offers and Wait Lists:

View your offer now with MySchools([Open external link](#)). It will also be mailed to your home address.

<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enroll-grade-by-grade/high-school>

Your child's offer letter will include information about any programs where your child is waitlisted. They are automatically on the waitlist for any program(s) listed higher on your child's application than the program where they got an offer. Click in the link below to learn more.

<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enroll-grade-by-grade/high-school/waitlists>

Update on NYS Tests:

<http://www.nysed.gov/news/2020/statement-board-regents-chancellor-betty-rosa-and-interim-state-education-commissioner-2>

Children of First Responders, Health Care Providers and Transit Workers:

In order to successfully fight COVID-19, our first responders, health care providers, transit workers, and other key personnel must be able to come to work. That is why we have created Regional Enrichment Centers (RECs)—places where the children of these front-line workers can be safely cared for while their parents continue to serve the city in this time of need. Staffed by DOE employees and community-based organization partners, the centers will provide children with three hot meals daily, remote learning time with their teachers, activities like art and music, and social and emotional support. Regional Enrichment Centers will be available citywide.

If you are a first responder, health care provider, or transit worker whose child is a New York City resident, and you have no other child care option, please complete [this survey to begin your enrollment process.](#) You will then be contacted about assignment to a site near your home. These centers are not available for any other New Yorkers at this time. We will post additional updates and information on the DOE website about RECs as we have it at schools.nyc.gov.

Additional information about Regional Enrichment Centers:

- RECs will be open from Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Each room will have a maximum of 12 children, supported by at least one adult; this size will both allow for personalized attention and will meet social distancing needs. RECs will also have nurses on site.
- Children will have the opportunity to participate in remote learning with their regular school, as is the case for all NYC public school students.
- Children will also have opportunities to engage in art, music, and physical education.
- The environment will be safe and supportive, and staff will be prepared to respond to children's social and emotional needs
- Children will be offered a site based on their home address and their parent or caregiver's role in providing essential services.
- Students will be asked each day to bring a device they can use for remote learning if one is available.

Please complete the survey today ONLY if you are a healthcare worker, first responder, or transit worker. Following survey submission, the DOE will contact you with additional details about where and how to bring your child to a REC site within 48-72 hours.

If you have questions about enrollment for the Regional Enrichment Centers, please call (718) 935-2200.

Sincerely,

New York City Department of Education