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Rockaway Borough School District Corona Virus Information April 6, 2020

Dear Rockaway Borough Families.

We hope this letter finds you and your family healthy and safe.

As we conclude our third week of distance learning as well as finish up the third marking period, we feel it is important to update you regarding some changes to our grading procedures. While academics are certainly of great importance, our primary concern at this juncture is the health, safety and well-being of our students and their families.

With that said, for the 3rd quarter, both schools will be using a grading process similar to the one we use for progress reports. This will apply to all core content areas as well as special area subjects. There will be no number grades, but rather four broad categories that we hope will provide the necessary flexibility in assessing students and their work during this difficult time. Teachers will be using any grades recorded prior to the closure as well as feedback collected during these past three weeks to calculate the given grade. While we have committed to this configuration for the 3rd marking period, we are open to re-evaluate the situation for the fourth quarter depending on our status.

The key for grading will be as follows:

- E--Excellent
- S—Satisfactory
- N—Needs Improvement
- NE—Not Evaluated--Teachers could not accurately assess a student's work to calculate a grade as sufficient material was not completed or handed in for the 3rd marking period. This grade can, however, be adjusted based on future completion and submission of work.

Report cards will be accessible on the parent portal on OnCourse Connect starting April 9th. For any reason you cannot access your child(ren)'s report card electronically, please feel free to contact either front office as they will gladly send you a hard copy via the mail. Below is the necessary contact information:

- Lincoln Elementary Mrs. Kim Stockstill 973-625-8602 kstockstill@rockboro.org
- Thomas Jefferson Mrs. Nicole Fernandez 973-625-8603 nfernandez@rockboro.org
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In regards to our distance learning, please continue to remind your children to log in online everyday even on Flexible Fridays and complete their given work to the best of their abilities. Remember teachers and staff are

available every day for consultation and to answer your questions and are very aware of the challenges we all are facing as a result of this health crisis.

In addition, we would like to remind you that Spring Break will take place as previously scheduled from Friday April 10th thru Friday April 17th. During this time, there will be NO virtual classes or distance learning. In regards to our continued closure, we will keep you abreast of our plans as we await guidance from the Governor which is expected towards the end of next week.

Again, many thanks for all your continued support and please know we are here for you.

Sincerely yours,

The Rockaway Borough Administrative Team

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