

Dear Parents of Children in Pre-k for All and 3K for All Programs in our Catholic Schools,

I hope that this email finds you and your family well. As we work together to support our children's learning and well-being in these difficult times, please know that the Office of the Superintendent of Catholic Schools keeps you in our thoughts and prayers. The Principals, Teachers and Staff of your PKFA/3K programs are here to support you throughout the remainder of the school year, and we encourage you to reach out to your program staff with needs, concerns, and suggestions.

You may have received a message yesterday from Mr. Michael Deegan, Superintendent of Catholic Schools, that provided the K-8 update for the Catholic School system. Included in that email was a link to the Archdiocese of New York Catholic Schools website. <https://catholicschoolsny.org> You will find resources and links on this page. As you are important members of our greater school community, many of these resources are available for your use.

As part of our obligation as providers of Pre-k for All and 3K for All programs, we are sending this email to provide you with information that is specific to the NYC DOE programs in our schools. Attached is a letter from Mayor de Blasio and Chancellor Carranza. Please know that we will be continuing to provide remote instruction and social emotional support for your children and families through the end of our school year.

We are also sharing the following information and links:

Remote Learning Survey for Families All parents/guardians of students in Pre-k for All and 3K for All are invited to participate in the survey. To access the survey, visit schools.nyc.gov/RLsurvey. If parents/guardians do not have access to the internet to complete the survey online, they can call 311 for more information about how to take the survey via phone.

Electronic Devices Available for Loan: The DOE has devices available to lend families to support their child's remote learning. Priority will be given to students most in need, and students in upper grades. **Families who wish to request a device should fill out this [Remote Learning Device Request form](#).** If a family does not know their child's OSIS number needed to complete the form, they should input '9' then their child's birthdate instead. For example, for a child born on January 1, 2016, the family should enter "901012016". (If you already completed this survey, there is no need to complete it again.)

Family and Child Participation in Remote Learning: Your teachers are providing pre-recorded and interactive sessions and other learning opportunities for your children using a variety of electronic delivery platforms. As the remote learning situation continues, we are continuing to provide training for teachers on new programs. At this time, the NYC DOE has instructed all programs to transition away from the Zoom meetings and look into other forms of live instruction. This shift will take time and will require more training for both teachers and parents. During this transition, teachers who have successfully used the Zoom program will continue to do so.

Please know that the most important focus for you and your family at this time is on the well-being of your child and your family. We ask that you participate as much and as often as is in the best interest of your family. There is no pressure to do more than that. Teachers will continue to check in with you and value your feedback and suggestions. If your contact information changes, or you have a need that we may be able to help you meet, please reach out to your child's teacher or the Director/Principal of your program.

Sincerely,

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