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Dear Parents,

I hope that this email finds you well. Each day we are getting closer to the end of this Stay Put, Stay Safe. I realize how challenging this time has been but I hope that you have found special moments during the last eight weeks. I have a few updates that I would like to share.

Grading: The Brooklyn Public Schools will follow the guidelines and recommendations from the State Department of Education and use pass/fail grading rather than letter or number grades. **Brooklyn Elementary School and Brooklyn Middle School** grading will be in alignment with recommendations. All grades during the last 62 days will be reflected with one of the following marks:

Pass: will be assigned when students demonstrate reasonable effort and attempts to learn and engage in distance learning.

Pass/Incomplete: will be assigned for students who may not have had adequate and consistent access to technology; students who may have been unable to complete work due to lack of supports typically offered through an IEP or support plan; students who were unable to complete work due to medical or mental health issues themselves or in their households; or students who were disengaged for a different reason and will be given additional opportunities to demonstrate learning at a later date.

Pass with Distinction: will be assigned to students who worked at a very high academic level during this extraordinary time of the coronavirus pandemic.

Brooklyn's Distance Learning Handbook: On our website you will find a copy of the distance learning handbook that was developed by teachers and administrators. During the last two months we have learned what has gone well and what we can do to improve. Thank you for your feedback on the survey. We have developed a handbook to assist families and students understand what to expect and to provide a structure for our educators to follow. The handbook can be found on the website. Please reach out to your child's teacher or administrator if you have any questions.

End of the school year: as we continue distance learning until the end of the school year, June 18, 2020 we will engage your children in learning and some of the end of the year fun! Today is the virtual field day! We will have special celebrations for our fourth and eighth graders as they are promoted. Watch your emails and School Messenger for more information. We are discussing multiple plans for reopening schools. We will continue to consult with our local Department of Health, NDDH, to ensure we follow recommendations to open safely.

Please continue to follow Department of Health and CDC guidelines to be safe and protect yourself and your family. Please let us know if you need assistance or know of a family who needs assistance. Be safe and know that I appreciate all you are doing! To the mothers, grandmothers, foster mothers, aunts, and mother figures, Happy Mother's Day! Thank you for all you do!

Sincerely,
Patricia L. Buell

Mission: The Brooklyn Schools will foster a drive for learning within each student to reach his/her greatest potential. To achieve this mission, the school will continually improve its educational programs and services to meet this community's expectations for a quality education for all.