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Dear PS/IS 187 Families,

In a time of uncertainty, one thing that is certain is that PS/IS 187 is a strong, resilient, and committed community and I am honored to join the PS/IS 187 community as your new interim acting Principal.

Let me share how proud I am of our committed, creative, and collaborative PS/IS 187 faculty. They were fully present this week, doing what they do best as educators: focusing on the continued growth and well-being of each of your children as they diligently designed remote learning plans for the first time. In the span of three days, they were able to accomplish what takes months to accomplish.

This is a new journey for us as a school community. Rest assured that the PS/IS 187 faculty will be here every step of the way to provide our students with the supports, tools, and resources they need to be successful. Thank you for your support and patience as we implement our remote learning plans.

Remote Learning Platform:

In order to support your child's learning while school is not in session, we have put the following guidelines in place to best support your child's learning when they are at home:

- **All classes will use Google Classroom as our remote learning platform.** Teachers will post a schedule for the week, mini-lessons, assignments, and resources for their classrooms here. Students will also submit their assignments to teachers here. Please note that the learning activities for grades Pre K-2 will require adult interaction at home.
- **Teachers will continue to communicate with parents through PupilPath.** Please check your PupilPath accounts frequently for updates from them. If you do not have a PupilPath account, please contact your child's teacher.
- **To access the Google Classrooms, students will use their DOE generated E-mail address.** You can access the Google Classroom application at idpcloud.nycenet.edu
- **Attendance will be taken using an on-line survey.** The link to the survey will be posted on our school website.

If you have questions about how to use any of these tools or require technology or supplies to support your children, please contact your child's teacher.

Student and Family Expectations:

Education is always a partnership between teachers and families. In our 187 @ Home learning environment, this partnership becomes even more crucial. We ask families for the following support to ease your child's transition to remote learning beginning Monday, March 23rd:

- Families should:
 - support students in being successful by establishing routines and habits that support their success in remote learning. We recommend reading the assignments teachers post together with our young learners.
 - ensure that students are adhering to their school's contract for appropriate behavior on web enabled devices.
- Students should:
 - complete instructional activities assigned by teachers within the expected timelines.
 - participate in check-ins, discussions, and other communication mechanisms as expected by the teacher.
 - review teacher feedback and complete any follow-up activities as assigned by the teacher.
- Students and families should proactively notify their teacher, Ms. Marrero (Pre-K to 4), Ms. Daskaris (5-8), and/or Ms. Topbas-Mejia with any concerns about progress or additional support needed.

For those of you who were able to join our webinar with Ms. Elton on March 19th, it was a pleasure to “virtually” meet you on my first day as your proud principal. For those of you who I have yet to meet, I look forward to meeting each of you soon. Beginning Wednesday, March 25th, I will be holding “virtual” meet and greets with our families.

Please visit the NYC Department of Education website at schools.nyc.gov for up to date information. Information regarding grab and go breakfasts and lunch will be made available here.

Feel free to contact me at etopbasmejia@187hudsoncliffs.org if you need to connect.

Stay safe, be well, and let our young learners know that their PS/IS 187 family misses them.

Be well,

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