

Assistant Superintendent's Update May 13, 2020

Dear Island Park Families,

I hope this message finds you and your loved ones safe and healthy!

As we await guidance from Governor Cuomo's "Reimagining Education" plan as to when and how we can plan to return to our schools, the administrative team is already planning a safe reopening based on the current set of guidelines provided by the Center for Disease Control (CDC). We are utilizing our collective thoughts, ideas and creativity to "reimagine" our schools as we keep our students, faculty and staff safe. As you can imagine, this is going to be a monumental task, and we will get it accomplished with the support of our Board of Education, administrators, teachers, staff, parents and the Island Park community!

While we plan for a safe return to our schools for the 2020-2021 school year, we are also continuing our planning for many of the important end of the year events that our students and families look forward to:

- National Junior Society Induction Ceremony
- 7th and 8th Grade Awards Ceremony
- Pre- Kindergarten Moving Up Celebration
- Kindergarten Moving Up Ceremony
- 4th Grade Moving Up Ceremony
- 8th Grade Graduation

Although we are planning alternative methods to celebrate each of these momentous occasions, we continue to hold out hope that we can celebrate the 8th Grade Graduation in-person, during late summer.

In addition, beginning this Friday, May 15th, our Recreation Department will be providing links to free virtual recreational activities that children and adults can engage in at home. Links to these resources and activities will be posted on the Recreation Department page of the District's website on Friday, May 15th and will be updated weekly. Further information on these free virtual activities will be provided in the May 15th email blast.

We are all looking forward to the day we can welcome our students, faculty and staff back to our school buildings as soon as it is safe to do so. In the interim, you can count on the District to continue to focus on teaching, learning and staying connected to our students through phone calls and video/audio conferencing.

Stay safe and healthy!

Fondly,

Vincent Randazzo
Assistant Superintendent
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