

May 7, 2020

Dear SFE Families:

Hopefully, this message finds all members of the school community well and dealing with these challenging times as best as possible. As we continue to move through this health crisis, I am sharing updated information that impacts our school.

School Closure

As you are aware, Governor Cuomo has announced that schools will remain closed for the remainder of the academic year while maintaining remote learning, childcare and food service. The Governor has indicated that a decision about summer school, which affects summer programs, will be made by the end of the month.

Graduation / Special End-of-Year Events

One of the disheartening storylines has been the impact this moment has had on our seniors, the Class of 2020. We remain empathetic to their current reality and are working diligently to ensure a proper finale to their high school years. Our heart breaks over the loss of traditional ceremonies and celebrations that mark the culmination of a School for Excellence education.... graduation, prom, senior awards, as well as the many other rites of passage that typically occur. Please be assured that all options are being explored and any decisions will be made with input from you as the families, our young scholars and community members. We are committed to paying proper tribute to our scholars and await further guidance from New York State before any final decisions can be made, so stay tuned!

Parent Teacher Conferences

Beginning next week, teachers will be reaching out to every parent/guardian for a Parent Teacher Conference and to review your student's progress towards meeting the academic standards for this year. Please let us know via Kinvo or by emailing me at laquino@schools.nyc.gov how we can best reach you (email, phone number, etc.) Additionally, beginning next week, I would like to offer my time to parents to chat about any concerns and understanding with everything that is new and changed. Please let me know what time frame works best for you. I will set up the first meeting for **Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 12PM**. I will send your child an invitation via email to share with you.

We hope that you stay healthy and strong in this challenging time. Please know SFE is always here for you and can't wait to see you all again.

Principal Aquino