Dear Parents/Guardians,

The following message, in italics, from the district was communicated to all principals, who were asked to share it with parents and families:

*During this traumatic time, we know that many of you are feeling deep concern for the health and safety of your family and friends.  Therefore, we want to alleviate any additional stress that may be related to grade reporting. We are working closely with the other large city school districts in the State to identify best practice and to try to adopt a uniform approach to grading during this unprecedented event.*

*Please note that Quarter 3 grades will not be finalized until we are able to provide fair, consistent, grading procedures for all students.    In the meantime, our staff will continue to make every effort to connect with students, review student assignments - emphasizing student effort and completion - and provide students with timely and encouraging feedback.*

*We realize that this global pandemic experience is very difficult for you and your family.  Please take care of yourselves and continue all precautionary wellness measures.*

This is a difficult time for all of us. As principal I just ask that students make an honest effort to complete their assignments as best they can. Be easy on yourselves and do what you can.

The news has been reporting that the June Regents examinations have been cancelled. Guidance will be put out by the State Education Department tomorrow. As soon as the district reviews the guidance and gives directives to principals, I will share it with parents and students.

A schedule is being developed by the district for the distribution of laptops in grades 5-8. This is a huge district undertaking. As soon as the I know the exact times, I will communicate this with parents. All precautions around social distancing will be in place for the distribution.

Some teachers have noted that a small number of students, with whom they are working on-line, are not taking necessary precautions in regards to social distancing. I encourage everyone to take all necessary precautions so this virus can be controlled.

Stay Safe, Stay Healthy, Stay Home and Wash your Hands,

Dr. Gruber