



April 17, 2020

Dear FirstLine Families,

This past Wednesday, Governor Edwards announced that schools will remain closed through the end of this school year. While this news means we will not be able to come together again in person, we are committed to our distance learning program and will continue with that until our last day of school on Friday, May 15th. In our original school calendar, our last day of school would have been May 22nd. We are ending a week earlier so that we are able to initiate school close-out procedures that look different while socially distanced.

This means your FirstLine student has **one more full month of school. It is vital that all students continue to participate in their classes to the best of their ability.** As a reminder, our distance learning program is designed for your student(s) to participate even if you do not have access to a computer and/or internet. You should have received packet 3, which will cover work until May 15th. If you have not received packet 3, please let your child's teacher know. You may also access packet 3 on the FirstLine Schools website. We are also really excited to be distributing additional technology to families and look forward to even more students joining our virtual classrooms.

We know that some of you may be concerned about your student(s) feeling prepared for the next school year. We are working hard on plans for a **virtual summer school.** This is an opportunity to make sure your student is fully prepared for success in the 2020-21 school year. We will share more on this exciting opportunity once plans are finalized.

We are so proud of the work our staff is doing to support the distribution of breakfast and lunch through NOLA-PS. As of now, we expect food distribution to continue into June. This means that you will be able to pick up your meals as you are doing now, every Monday and Wednesday, even past our last day of school. We will have more information on this in May.

Finally, I want to thank you for your partnership during this time. Our teachers and staff know that the role our families have played in distance learning has contributed to its success and made it possible for your student to continue learning. We could not do this work without your support. In order to give you, our families, and our staff a day to rest, we will be having a **FirstLine Staff and Family Refresh Day on Friday, May 1st.** This means that we will not have any distance learning programs on that day.

We are thinking of you all daily, and cannot wait for us to be together again!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Sabrina Pence", written in a cursive style.

Sabrina Pence
FirstLine Schools CEO