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Dear Ascend Families:

Thank you for your continued partnership to bring this unusual academic year to a successful close for your children. The rapid and unexpected shift from classroom-based learning to remote learning required all of us to quickly adapt to new technology, new schedules, and new ways to communicate. I'm so proud of our entire school community – students, families, and staff – who have diligently worked together to make this transition a success. At Canarsie Ascend Lower School, our average attendance during remote learning has been 98%.

We know that this summer will also be unique for your family as many traditional activities for kids have been cancelled or shifted to a remote platform. **Ascend will not offer summer school in grades K-8 this summer** and will instead focus on preparations for a strong start to next school year. Ascend has created grade specific summer homework packets for these grades to help keep our students engaged and excited about learning this summer. These homework packets offer a rich array of learning activities and are similar to the high quality learning activities that we have provided in the past. **Families will receive information about these resources by June 22.** Scholars are expected to complete summer homework before the first day of school in the fall.

We've created [this helpful guide](#), which contains information related to summer meal distribution and the Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) Food Benefit, for which all Ascend students are eligible.



We are also actively planning for safely welcoming your children back to learning in the fall. **While we do not yet know exactly what the 20-21 academic year will look like, we're planning for a number of scenarios and will be prepared to provide a safe and enriching environment to support your child's learning, whether that's in a physical classroom, virtual classroom, or some combination of both.** We are preparing a survey for parents that will inform our planning. You should expect to receive that survey from us very soon.

As our plans develop and we learn more from public health and government officials about new safety protocols and regulations, we'll keep you posted on what to expect this fall. Please be sure to keep your contact information updated with us so we can continue to share news with your family over the summer. As always, please reach out to the Operations Team at cals_ops@ascendlearning.org or 347-713-0010 with any questions or concerns.

Thank you again for supporting your child, your school, and your community during this time of ambiguity. Please continue to stay safe and healthy!

Sincere regards,

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