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Dear Brooklyn Arts' Families,

I hope this letter finds you all well, and safe. I know this has been such a trying time in all our lives, and I look forward to the day this all ends, and we can regain a sense of normalcy and comfort. I write you today with 2 pieces of information. I know there will be many more in the coming weeks, but I felt these were worth sending something out right away.

The first, as you might have heard already, is the guidance that the Department of Education has provided about Summer School. The following is directly from that guidance...***"Students in grades 9–12 who receive a grade of Course in Progress, or who need to retake a course they have failed in a prior term, will participate in remote instruction for the course(s) in which they need to earn credit. Remote instruction will run from Monday, July 6 –Friday, August 14.*** We will notify you in June if your child is required or recommended to participate in summer learning programs. We will also be able to provide more information on "Course in Progress (N/X)" on our remote grading policy, which we will have for you to review soon.

The second, we will be hosting "Parent Town Hall Meetings" for you next week. The idea behind them is facilitate our May Parent/Teacher Conferences in a way that gets you the most information directly from me, and our teachers/counselors. Your Child's School Counselor will send you an invitation to this meeting, by grade, and we hope you'll join us.

Lastly, I just want to let you all know how proud I am of the way our Brooklyn Arts community has risen to the occasion amidst this crisis. Our students have done an absolutely fantastic job of making the best of this situation. Our Staff is one of the best in the city, and they proved it one again in doing everything they could to make our remote instructional program run smoothly. I am indebted to my Administrative team, our Staff, our students, and all of you, for all the hard work everyone has put in.

There will be much more information in the coming weeks. I will keep you posted as to anything that you need to know.

Take care, and stay safe,

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