

April 8, 2020

Dear LINC Families & Students,

First and foremost, I hope you are well and staying safe.

We are in the midst of unprecedented times as we all figure out next steps with the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic. The challenges we are facing with the current Stay at Home Order for the City of Philadelphia are deeply uncomfortable and stressful for many of us on varying levels. We know there are many questions about this school year and we are working closely with the School District of Philadelphia's leadership to address the many concerns the school closures have created.

Please know that the safety, health, and education of our students are our priority. The LINC faculty and staff have been virtually meeting as a school to trouble-shoot some of the most pressing concerns. Teachers are reaching out to students and their families to stay connected, give updates, and answer questions to the best of their ability. We encourage our students and families to email any one of us with questions. Faculty and staff email addresses can be found on the Staff Directory tab of our website: <https://thelinc.philasd.org/staff-directory/> and we are checking emails daily.

Please encourage your child to do the following:

- Check ECHO Agenda's in each class every day.
- Complete all work on ECHO and submit work to teachers.
- Seniors should check-in with their advisors, Mr. Maroney or Mr. Grillet, on a consistent basis.
- Any student who would like to communicate with our new school counselor, Mr. Pinckney, should email him at lpinckney@philasd.org.
- We also want to remind you that Grab-and-go meals are available at many sites throughout the city on specific days and times during the week. You should check the School District's website at philasd.org for the closest school site to your home.

We ask for your continued patience as we diligently work to address concerns as we receive more information from the city, state, and school district. We are committed to making thoughtful decisions for the well-being of everyone in our school community. We will keep you informed of any changes to the school calendar and school events as quickly as we can.

Finally, please make sure we have your most updated contact information, including telephone numbers, mailing address, and email addresses.

If you have any questions, please email me at bjbujak@philasd.org or our Assistant Principal, Mrs. Torres, at rmtorres@philasd.org.

Sincerely,

Bridget J. Bujak, *Principal*