



May 17, 2020

“The best thing about the future is that it comes one day at a time.”
— **Abraham Lincoln**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

All schools in Louisiana had to move from in person daily instruction to using technology in all facets of learning quickly. While I am thankful many of our students had the tools needed to adapt quickly, we realized that many students were not able to do the same. We struggled to get work to all students, and some work was delayed due to paper copies being mailed. We realize that this is not the way we want our students to learn and that our students deserve better.

Beginning next school year, we will be implementing a 1:1 technology device for all students. All students will have the tools they need to be successful, whether school happens on campus or in a virtual environment. As we are planning to make this happen, we need your thoughts and inputs to ensure we have the rights tools available. The [ThoughtExchange](#) is active, waiting for your ideas, inputs, and opinions. Your [ideas](#) are needed to help guide us in the right direction. The link to the thought exchange is here just in case the others do not work correctly: <https://my.thoughtexchange.com/scroll/667350571>.

URGENT: The state of Louisiana is extending EBT benefits to all families who attend schools participating in the Community feeding program. All IHSNO families are eligible for the Pandemic-Electronic Benefit Transfer ([P-EBT](#)) program because your student attends IHSNO. The [program](#) is active and receiving applications as of Monday, May 18, 2020. Remember that IHSNO is a Type 2 Charter School, under the *Voices for International Business and Education* board of directors.

Thank you for all of your support and important messages throughout the school year. Though this year did not entirely end the way we wanted, I am thankful. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to speak with you and interact with you. Please remain safe following the guidelines of the local and state officials. I am hopeful that we can resume our regular activities soon. Thank you, and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

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“Education must not simply teach work – it must teach life.”

W. E. B. Du Bois