



June 1, 2020

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

Dear Parents and Guardians,

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>.

Additionally, we will be planning three scenarios for schooling at IHSNO next school year. We are following the guidelines of the Louisiana Department of Education and the CDC. We want to make sure the school is ready for learning. Still, most importantly, we want to make sure our building is safe and sanitized, minimizing student, staff, parents, and community exposure to COVID-19. IHSNO will not participate in summer programming as we prepare the building for next year.

The roofers began working on the roof Monday, May 25, and the work is expected to continue through early August. The roof is expected to be finished by the time school resumes on August 13, 2020. Additionally, the basement work is stalled for the moment as we are getting engineering specifications to ensure the basement gets the necessary ventilation, preventing mold and mildew. We are hopeful both projects will be completed by the beginning of the school year.

**URGENT:** <https://pebt.doe.louisiana.gov/PublicApps/SNP/>

The federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act of 2020 allows the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to provide P-EBT benefits to children who would receive free or reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch Act if not for the school closure. These children are automatically eligible for P-EBT benefits once the system verifies the child was receiving free or reduced lunch (FRL) meals. Families must complete the following application to check FRL status and to receive these benefits ultimately. Without the requested information, DCFS cannot provide these P-EBT benefits. The deadline is June 8, 2020.



I look forward to talking with you soon.

Sincerely,

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

**W. E. B. Du Bois**