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## C.S. 154 Community School Newsletter

Greetings CS154 Community!

Welcome to our weekly newsletter for families, students, staff, and partners. See the news and updates regarding services available for you in our community and from our partners. Stay connected in our new virtual setting!

Please email our Community School Director, Mr. DeLaRosa, with suggestions of what else you might want to see in next week's update.

Visit our school's website for more information.



### Google Classroom

Click [here](#) for Google Classroom's Parental Guide.

You can also watch a [YouTube tutorial](#).

Check the [DOE website](#) for more information.



### Technology Support

If you're still in need of technology, fill out this [survey request](#) from the Department of Education.

You can also call the Department of Education help desk at: 718-935-5100, option 5.

### Internet Service

The following companies are offering free 60 day services:

- Spectrum is offering free broadband and Wi-Fi access to households with K-12 students. Call 1-844-488-8395 to enroll.
- Optimum is offering free internet service for households with K-12 students. To sign up call 1-866-200-9522 if you live in an area with Optimum internet service or call 1-888-633-0030 if you live in an area with Suddenlink internet service.
- Xfinity is offering internet services as well. To enroll apply [here](#).



## Census 2020

The Census informs how billions of dollars will be spent in communities for the next ten years.

It helps decide funding for schools, public transit, adult education, pre-school, Medicare, and [more](#).

Complete your family's form [here](#).

## Featured Partner Resources



**NYCHESSKIDS**  
CHESS SCHOOL OF AMERICA

NY Chess Kids is offering virtual classes each day.

Starting at 2:30 pm, there are half-hour classes to learn everything from basic piece movement to game strategy.

At 5 pm, there are daily virtual tournaments for Kindergarten through upper grades.

[Click here for daily schedule and videos](#)



**HARLEM  
GROWN**

Harlem Grown will be posting videos each week on their YouTube channel on a variety of topics including cooking lessons, at-home growing tips, and projects you can do using recycled materials you already have at home.

[Click here for their YouTube channel](#)

## Academic Supports Continue

Tutoring from *America Reads and Counts* and Saturday Academy with *Follow Us to Success* for grades 3 - 5 continue to operate through Google Classroom. Please contact [Mr. DeLaRosa](#) if you have questions.



## Food Resources

Here's an updated list of [food resources](#) throughout the boroughs of NYC.

Food pantries are highlighted in **purple**, soup kitchens are highlighted in **green**.

## Additional Covid-19 Resources

Please visit our [COVID-19 Resource Guide](#) for remote learning supports, mental health support, continuing existing services, and more.

### COVID-19 Crisis Resources



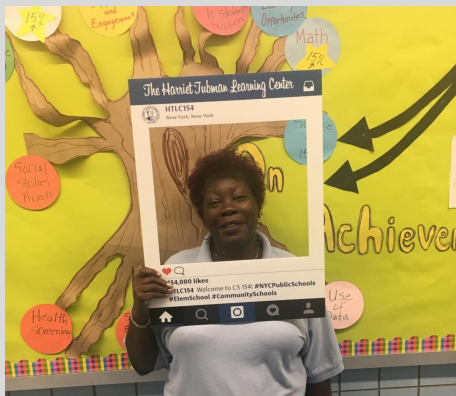
This document contains lists of resources by type. In this document you will find:

1. Mental Health and Emotional Support
2. Food
3. Housing
4. Finances
5. Equity and Access
6. Substance Use
7. Immigration
8. Remote Learning Supports
9. Mindfulness
10. Information About Continuing Services
11. General Mental Health Information and Support



## Update From Our Chancellor

Please read the April 11, 2020 [update](#) from our Chancellor, Richard Carranza, regarding school closures through June.



## In Remembrance

We are saddened to announce that we lost a beloved member of our C.S. 154 community, Ms. Linda Pope. Ms. Pope worked at C.S. 154 for 29 years. We will miss her smiling face, and send our condolences to her family and friends.

If you or someone you know is needs help processing stress, anxiety, or grief, please reach out for free services through [NYC Well](#).



## Did you Know? We're on Twitter!

Follow us on Twitter for updates and send us pictures of your remote learning experience so we can shout you out!  
[@htlc154](#)

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