Jubilee Academies is working to ensure you have the most up-to-date information associated with the Coronavirus (COVID-19) as it pertains to your campuses. Please visit our district website www.jubileeacademies.org for the most up-to-date communications and for information about closures, distant learning, grab & go meal distribution, and other resources. If you have any questions or concerns, please email us.

**CLARIFICATION FOR AT-HOME LEARNING**

We apologize for any confusion. The assignments that were sent out to ALL of our regions yesterday and posted on the website only apply to San Antonio and Kingsville students. Jubilee-Wells Branch and the RGV are on Spring Break, so their assignments will be emailed and posted on the district website next week.

**FREE INTERNET ACCESS FOR STUDENTS**

Several Internet service providers are now offering free Internet to families with no obligations, in order to accommodate schoolwork and other resources now online. This article includes information about how parents can sign up.

**AT-HOME LESSON DISTRIBUTION**

We are committed to a continuation of education and instructional support through various means including digital learning. Please know that while we are preparing to distribute at-home lessons via email, and on our district website, we are also providing printed materials available for pick-up at each campus next week. Please anticipate future communications as updates and information about pick-up becomes available.

**GRAB & GO MEAL DISTRIBUTION**

We want to assure families that meals will be distributed to children 18 and under for as long as we are out of school. Currently, meals are being distributed at Jubilee-San Antonio and Jubilee-Kingsville from 11:30a – 1:00p. We are diligently working to serve families in all regions. As new distribution sites are decided, we will be sure to share updates. Children do not need to be enrolled at Jubilee Academies in order to receive meals; however, they must be present to pick-up. Please share this message with other families in your community.

**HOME TECHNOLOGY SURVEY**

To best understand the at-home resources available for students, we ask that you complete this brief survey about your family’s Internet and device access. Please only complete one survey per household.

**WELLNESS RESOURCES FROM NURSE RECIO**

The following links are great resources provided by our Director of Health Services. All resources are also listed on our website.

- Safety Measures: click here
- Mental Health Support: click here
- Discussing COVID-19 With Children: click here
- How To Protect Your Family (CDC): click here

**A NOTE FROM SUPERINTENDENT DR. KEVIN PHILLIPS**

Dear Jubilee Families,

I hope this note finds everyone healthy and doing well. I want to assure you that your district level leaders are working around the clock to create a safe environment that is meeting the needs of our students, staff and families. We started the year with our theme Rise Up, Stand Strong, Game On and are definitely in a phase of needing to STAND STRONG. Part of standing strong is taking care of yourself and your families. Please visit the district website for constant updates and tips on ways to stay healthy. Research tells us that it’s during times like these that depression and anxiety rise, but if we stay busy and productive, we can keep our mental health intact.

Our curriculum, technology, operations and food services departments are working diligently to ensure we offer learning and nutrition opportunities for our students as well as the best work environment for our staff. I ask that you continue to check your email regularly to stay up to date with the most recent updates. I also want you to know your Jubilee family is here to support you. We have our district health and counseling staff who will be reaching out to students and families for emotional support as needed. I know there are many unknowns at this point, so we continue to meet with state and local officials to make the best decisions possible.

Your patience and support are greatly appreciated, and I want to encourage you to stand strong, stay safe, and stay connected to your Jubilee family.

With Jubilee Pride,

Dr. Kevin Phillips
Superintendent of Schools