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A Seamless Switch to DISTANCE LEARNING "As we have worked to find a balance between continuity of learning and not overwhelming our staff or parents, I have never been more #MineolaProud to be part of this community. Our teachers and administrators continue to work hard to design effective learning experiences for our students; our parents continue to rise to the occasion to assist in their child's successes in unprecedented ways; and our students have been truly remarkable at their ability to adapt and remain positive and resilient in the face of change. I look forward to reuniting with this community, live and in person, once again when this is behind us." - Superintendent Michael P. Nagler, Ed.D.

We are #MineolaProud of our entire community for its flexibility, creativity and teamwork during this difficult time. Unlike many of the other districts across our state, Mineola was fortunate to have had a fully operational distance learning plan already in place. In fact, what we previously referred to as "expanding the walls of our

has really been a form of distance learning all along. Our teachers and students already had the apps and tools in place, and the district already had a robust technology infrastructure complete with free Wi-Fi for all students, so we were able to seamlessly readjust to teaching and learning from home. Although not ideal to educate

classrooms" through our 1:1 iPad initiative

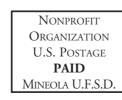
nome. Although not ideal to educate remotely, the ease of transitioning was at least one thing for us all not to have to worry about.

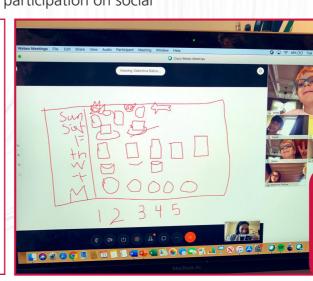
Students in grades K-7 have been receiving challenges each day through the KidOYO platform, and the high school is receiving coursework through Canvas. Students were able to come and pick up their instruments and have been engaged in virtual lessons with their teachers. The district even held a Virtual Spirit Week for which its participation on social media was so high that #MineolaProud was trending in New York State on Twitter for several hours!

In addition to the educational component, the district is committed to serving all aspects of our students' needs during this time, including their physical and mental selves and social-emotional growth. To that end, Mineola is committed to continue serving food to its students and families. We encourage any family with students in need to please come Monday through Friday between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. to Mineola High School for a free meal pickup until our normal class schedules resume. In addition, any family or student who is in need of added mental or social-emotional support during this time is strongly encouraged to reach out to their building principal so that we can provide any necessary services.



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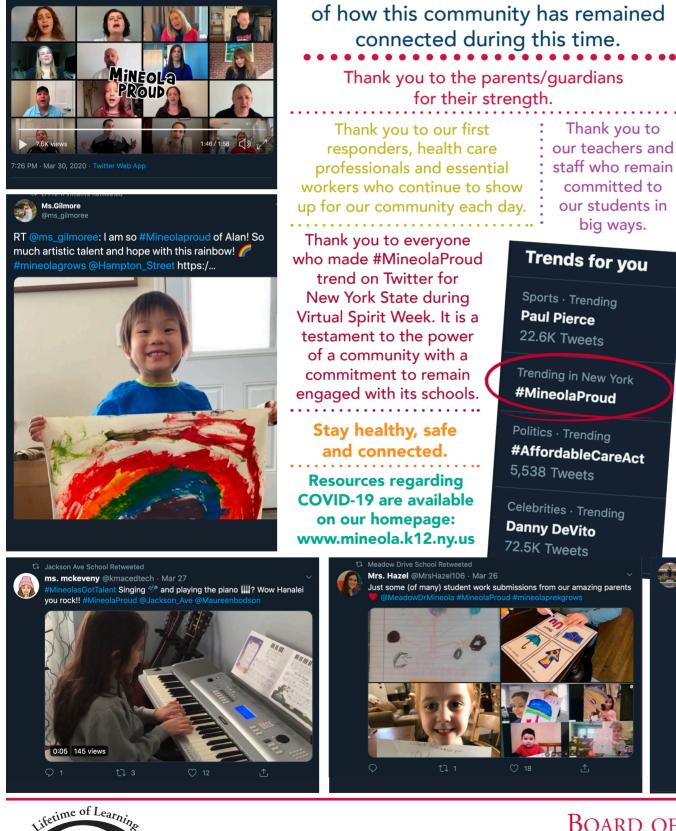






Ms. Castello experimenting with the whiteboard during math on Webex last month and creating a class picture graph of things we bought at the store this week. Love how interactive this feature is!





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