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**To:** My Brother's Keeper Grant **Community Network Superintendents and Leaders**  
**From:** Dr. Anael Alston, Assistant Commissioner  
**Re:** Instructions and Timelines for Fellows to Present at the 4/23 MBK Village Meeting  
**Date:** April 14, 2020

You are receiving this communication because as an MBK Community you have or are eligible to have MBK Fellows. Per my communication yesterday (April 13th), we are having an MBK Village Meeting on April 23rd. The purpose of this communication is to provide you with the information needed for an MBK Fellow to speak "live" at the village meeting.

For an MBK Fellow to speak, he must speak to **how this public health crisis has impacted his community service project, a need that he has observed or encountered** during this public health crisis, or speak to **something powerfully positive that he has experienced or done** during this public health crisis. In addition, the comments must meet the following criterion:

- a) are **limited to** the above-mentioned topics
- b) **not exceed 1 minute and 30 seconds**
- c) are **read and approved** by their MBK supervisor
- d) are **read during the live meeting**
- e) must be **delivered by a 2019 or incoming 2020 MBK Fellow**

Once the local MBK supervisor approves of the written comments, the MBK supervisor must forward the approved prepared comments to [Don.Applyrs@nysed.gov](mailto:Don.Applyrs@nysed.gov) by Monday, April 20th at 12 pm **(we intentionally extended the date from Friday, April 17th)**. If you have made your selections prior to then, please forward your selections and the written comments along. Please be sure that the written comments include the student's name, the high school he attends, and the MBK chapter that he represents (i.e. Newburgh MBK). The NYSED team will review the incoming documents and send the list of MBK Fellows selected to present to all MBK Community Superintendents by Tuesday morning.

Given the time constraints on our meeting, each **MBK Community may only send two (2) approved MBK Fellow's** scripts to Dr. Don Applyrs ([Don.Applyrs@nysed.gov](mailto:Don.Applyrs@nysed.gov)).

Finally, we will have a pre-meeting with all MBK Fellows who are speaking at the meeting on **Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5pm**. I know this is a lot to ask, but from what we are hearing from the field, this village meeting is much needed. I look forward to working with you.

cc: Dr. William Murphy  
Deputy Commissioner