March 20, 2020

Dear KIPP Columbus Families:

Thank you for your continued partnership as we navigate all of this together.

As we “return” to school on Monday and remote learning begins, your child’s School Leader (principal) and teachers will be in touch with more specific information, and I will be sending weekly Friday messages to our entire school community (K-12) at a minimum.

We know you value education and continuing to support your children with their learning during this closure. For the next two weeks, teachers will be uploading optional daily/weekly activities and lessons through Class Dojo (K-8), Google Classroom (9-12), and our website will also be updated with resources. We have created this Instructional Family Resource Guide as well that can also be found on our website. We will continue to do all we can to ensure learning can continue through optional, extended opportunities, but the MOST important thing is everyone’s health and well-being —  **If there is anything we can do to support you/yours, please let us know.**

Ohio’s order for school closure is through April 3rd, and we will be in touch immediately when/if that changes. As the Governor has shared, it is likely that closure will extend beyond this time, and we are doing all we can to prepare for that, which includes enhancing the remote learning opportunities available and getting tools/resources in place to support this.

One key update connected to this is that **KIPP Columbus will provide EVERY one of our students with a computer** who needs one to support remote learning during this closure. Please fill out this survey/form as soon as possible, and we will be in touch with additional information to ensure our KIPPsters have resources they need to continue their instruction through this school year.

**FREE MEALS** will continue to be distributed at KIPP (2900 INSPIRE Drive, 43224). **Every Monday from 8a-1p** you can pick up meals for the week (10 total meals per child). Anyone in our community is welcome to come -- please share this information with your friends, family, and neighbors. Additionally, Columbus City Schools will continue providing lunches throughout the city, and more information can be found here.

**MEDICINE:** If you have a child with medicine at the school that you need to pick up - these will be available on March 23rd and after. Please fill out this form and we will ensure to connect with you on next steps.

Again, thank you for doing the best you can during this time - that's all we can ask of each other, and we are in community - TOGETHER. I am grateful for you, and so proud of our incredible teachers, leaders, and KIPP team who are simply the best. We are fortunate every day to have them loving and leading our KIPPsters, but especially so as time and time again they demonstrate that they will do whatever it takes, in partnership with you, to help every student be their best.

With gratitude,

Hannah D. Powell
KIPP Columbus, Executive Director

(**As additional information is made available, we will continue to update our website's Coronavirus page. If you have additional questions or concerns you may also reach out to our team via email at covid@kippcolumbus.org or fill out this form and we will get back to you as soon as possible (but within 48 hours.) As you learn of resources and have ideas - please share them with us, too, so we can share with others.)**