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Dear KIPP Columbus Families:

As we near the end of our first week of remote learning - I am so very thankful for your engagement and commitment to ensure learning continues. It's been really inspiring, and I'm also very proud of our KIPP team!

As shared, I typically will be sending a family update on Fridays, but I wanted to reach out today with some timely information that you also might have seen. Late yesterday afternoon a *COVID-19 Emergency Response bill* was passed by the Ohio legislature that provides some guidance to schools in regards to graduation, state testing, and other education related items. While we are still working to plan for the details and logistics around this bill, I wanted to update you on 3 key things:

- The state of Ohio has provided flexibility to graduation requirements for the 2020 graduating class.
- There will be no state testing requirements this year (2019-2020) and no state report cards due to this.
- 3rd graders have been provided additional flexibility in meeting the 3rd grade reading guarantee.

The extended school closure is *still only mandated through April 3rd*, but based on this latest information and continued messaging from the Governor, it is likely that the closure *will be extended beyond this date* and potentially through the remainder of the year. At KIPP, we are preparing for this, and we will continue to stay in close communication about the extended closure and the impact of the HB 197 closure bill.

As shared earlier this week, KIPP is committed to ensuring that every KIPP student has a computer to engage with online (remote) KIPP learning opportunities, and we are working hard to ensure that -- every student who needs a computer gets one. This upcoming Monday we will be distributing more computers (time listed below) which is aligned to our on-going food distribution. If you are unable to make any of these times because you are considered an essential worker or are unable to get to campus, please reach out to us at kippoffice@kippcolumbus.org (614-263-6137) and we will work together to make arrangements.

Times for Computer Pick Up and Food:

Monday, March 30th	7a-12p	Computer--AND-- Food Pick Up
	3-6p	Computer Pick Up ONLY

In closing, I recognize how heavy this news currently is *and* has the potential to be. I eagerly await the day we can welcome everyone back to campus -- *what a reunion it will be!* In the meantime, we will continue to do all we can **to get through this together** -- *one day at a time*.

In partnership,

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