May 15, 2020

Dear KIPP Columbus Families:

It’s hard to believe that we are entering the last two weeks of our 19-20 school year as we also plan for the summer and 20-21 school year amidst the immense amount of uncertainties that remain. The challenge of this for everyone is significant, and the year is concluding in a way that none of us imagined or wanted, but -- as we do -- we work together to prove what is possible.

As we prepare to enter the final two weeks of the year I am grateful for each of you and what you have done throughout the last two months and for all of the ways you continue to partner.

Additional Updates:

- **PANDEMIC EBT CARDS:** The Ohio Department of Education and the Department of Job and Family Services recently announced that families will receive $300 per student through Pandemic - EBT cards. In the last couple of weeks, KIPP has been working with the Ohio Department of Education to ensure all of our students receive this benefit.

  If you already receive SNAP benefits, the funds will be added to your account. If you do not, you will receive a Pandemic-EBT card for each student that will have a one time benefit added. Please visit [benefits.ohio.gov](http://benefits.ohio.gov) for more information.

- **END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS:** Below are the times and dates for our end of year celebrations. Be on the lookout for additional details from your school leader. Other celebrations and end of your details for the other grades are also forthcoming, but these "promotion celebrations" for K, 5th, 8th, and now our FIRST graduation celebration are specific milestones we highlight throughout our KIPPsters K-12 journey with us!

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- **SCHOOL REOPENING:** There have been many articles and news stories about what school reopening might look like. As I shared last week, there are so many unknowns, but what we do know is that it will be very different and we will continue to work together through this. We hope to receive more guidelines from the State in the coming weeks which would enable us to share a draft plan with you by the end of June to support your planning for the school-year as well. We will continue to move as expeditiously and thoughtfully as new information is presented.

  It is very likely that we will not be able to resume in a “traditional start/model,” and a hybrid model (certain groups of students coming on specific days of the week as well as remote/online learning opportunities happening as well). If you have any thoughts that you
would like to share with us on the reopening, please email covid@kippcolumbus.org or fill out this form anytime.

- **COVID-19 TESTING SITE**: We are excited to announce that KIPP Columbus will become a COVID-19 testing site in partnership with The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center and Columbus Public Health. The testing site will open Monday, May 18th and will be testing those who have connected with The Ohio State University Telehealth system. When you arrive for food distribution on Monday, you may see signs for COVID-19 testing, but this will not change anything about the pick up of food and we will have team members available if you have any questions.

- **NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS ‘ABOVE & BEYOND AWARD’**: Earlier this week, the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools selected KIPP Columbus as 1 of 10 charter schools from across the country for their inaugural “Above and Beyond Award.” Each school recognized “went to remarkable lengths to meet the needs of not only their students, but the families of their students, and their larger communities in the face of the pandemic.” We are grateful for you, and every member of our KIPP team and family and the partnership this recognition represents.

- **FAMILY OUTREACH**: You will be receiving a call from a member of our operations team (if you have not already) in the coming weeks just to touch base to see how things are going and if we can support you in any way!

- **TECHNOLOGY**: KIPPsters will be able to keep their computers over the summer, returning them next school year. Please fill out this form if your child’s computer is in need of repair, and our operations team will be in touch with next steps. Thank you for your patience and flexibility as we work through this.

- **STUDENT ITEM PICK UP**: If you have items (medication etc.) to pick up from KIPP Columbus for your KIPPster, please reach out to us at kippoffice@kippcolumbus.org (614-263-6137) and we will make arrangements and we will make arrangements to get these items to you.

- **FOOD DISTRIBUTION**: KIPP will be distributing FREE meals from campus this Monday, May 18th from 7a-12p and on Mondays through the summer. We hope to see you, your friends, neighbors, family, and anyone else you know!

- **CONFIRMED DECISIONS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 19-20 SCHOOL YEAR/JUNE**:
  - Last Day for Students remains May 29th.
  - Graduation will be done in a physically distanced way on May 31st.
  - All schools will be creating/updating weekly (optional) learning opportunities for students throughout the summer. More to come regarding this as we get closer to June!
  - There will be a summer school session for high school students in need of credit recovery (June 1st - 19th) and a decision about the high school summer session #2 (July 13th - 31st) will be determined by the end of May.
  - End of year report cards for all students will be sent at the beginning of June.
  - June Summer Camps have been cancelled with a decision on July camps to be determined by the end of May.
  - Athletics will not begin practicing until at least July with a decision to come by the end of May.
- The KIPP Campus remains closed through at least June 2nd.

- **KIPP COLUMBUS EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND**: As a reminder, this fund will be used to address critical needs (housing, food insecurity, transportation needs, etc.) of our KIPPsters and their families at this time and going forward. The needs in our community are significant, and this is one additional step to meeting those needs. If you are in need of some additional support at this time, please do not hesitate to reach out to our team here, and we will do all we can to connect you with resources.

- **REMOTE LEARNING**: Information will continue to be updated on our website, and through communication from your child(ren)’s teacher and school. Thank you for your continued partnership as we keep learning together!

In partnership,

Hannah D. Powell  
KIPP Columbus, Executive Director

*(If there is anything we can do to support you throughout this time please email covid@kippcolumbus.org or fill out this form anytime.)*