May 4, 2020

Dear KIPP Columbus Families:

We hope you had a good weekend, and were able to enjoy some of the nice weather we had. We hope the sun continues to SHINE this week as we celebrate our teachers for TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK! As you know, we have the best teachers around, and if you have a moment this week please share your appreciation with them, too. I know it would bring some extra smiles - and we could all use a little extra joy these days!

Speaking of joy… 100% of our KIPP COLUMBUS SENIORS have been ACCEPTED TO COLLEGE, and they have earned nearly $6 MILLION in merit based scholarships! Incredible! We are so proud of our seniors, and look forward to celebrating them all month long as well!
Congratulations, Class of 2020 Jaguars!

A few additional updates:

- **KIPP COLUMBUS SENIORS (CLASS OF 2020):** Our seniors have earned over $6 million in merit based scholarships and 100% were accepted to college! We are immensely proud of them as they prepare for their next chapter in such a challenging time. The class of 2020 is our FIRST graduating class from KIPP Columbus High, and while the conclusion of their time at KIPP is different than anyone imagined, we are doing ALL we can to ensure that it is not diminished.

We have a lot of plans to celebrate our seniors in the month of May that we will be sharing in more detail with you in the days and weeks to come. In the meantime we will be hosting two calls for the families of our seniors to finalize our celebrations on Wednesday, May 6th at 5:00pm or Thursday, May 7th at 9:00am. Senior families if you would like to call in please use phone number 614-263-6150 x4990.

- **CONFIRMED DECISIONS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 19-20 SCHOOL YEAR AND MONTH OF JUNE** *(New decisions since last week are in italics and added to the top.)*
  - May 31st: Current Plan for a Senior Celebration (Cap, Gowns, Diploma Distribution, etc.) with a commencement video shared in June.
  - KIPPsters will be keeping their chromebooks through the summer/until we return to support their continued learning.
  - Last Day for Students remains May 29th, and remote learning will continue during this time.
  - Graduation will be done in a socially distanced way on May 31st
  - Summer School Session #1 will be done remotely June 1st - 19th with a decision about Summer School Session #2 (July 13th - 31st) to be determined by the end of May.
  - June Summer Camps have been cancelled with a decision on July camps to be determined by end of May.
  - Athletics will not begin practicing until at least July with a decision to come by the end of May.
  - Campus remains closed through at least June 2nd.

- **FOOD DISTRIBUTION:** KIPP will be distributing FREE meals from campus TODAY Monday, May 4th from 7a-12p and until (at least) August. We hope to see you, your friends, neighbors, family, and anyone else you know!
  *(note: If you are unable to make this time 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 make arrangements.)*

- **KIPP COLUMBUS EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND:** As shared last week, KIPP Columbus has created an emergency fund to support KIPP Families who may be in need of support to address critical needs. If you are in need of some additional support at this time, please do not hesitate to reach out to our team here 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!

- **COMPUTER REPAIRS AND TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT:** If you need any help, please complete this form.

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.)