



October 2, 2020

Good morning, Families:

As we enter this first week of October, the dynamic nature of our current context continues, and we also enter the next phase of KIPP's reopening in this most unusual school year. I am so thankful for your continued partnership -- it is really incredible. 100% of our KIPPsters have engaged in remote learning and our high daily attendance is a testament to you and your support for your child(ren.) -- We are so very grateful!

Thank you for your patience as we do our very best to bring as many KIPPsters back, as often as possible, in the safest way possible. Thanks, too, for your continued feedback and input; it matters immensely. Our goal continues to be to protect the health and safety of our entire community to the fullest extent possible while also ensuring excellent learning opportunities for your children as we navigate this together.

We hoped to be able to share a more concrete draft of our reopening plans with you today, but with the announcement of Columbus City Schools return this week, there are variables to our potential operations that are connected to this announcement (mainly busing) that we are working diligently to sort through to ensure that our KIPPsters have a safe and consistent way to school. What might be possible has changed numerous times in the last few days, and we want to ensure we get fuller clarity regarding the possibilities. It is important, too, for our teachers and team to have the opportunity to finalize reopening plans based on this new information, and we appreciate your understanding.

We will also be **reopening the enrollment process for families** to indicate your preference for KIPP at Home or KIPP on Campus. We recognize that you made the choice of a learning model for your child(ren) months ago and your needs/preferences may have changed. We may not be able to accommodate the change, but in the event we have space, *based on interest and capacity*, **we are reopening enrollment options for KIPP at Home and KIPP on Campus until Tuesday, October 6th.**

Please [click here](#) if you are interested in **CHANGING your child(ren)'s enrollment by the end of the day Tuesday, October 6th.** You can apply to change from KIPP on Campus to KIPP at Home or from KIPP at Home to KIPP on Campus. Should we have more interest than capacity, we will hold a lottery for the newly enrolled students in that model this Wednesday - if you want to remain in the learning model you chose this summer, NO action is needed; you will remain in that model and no shift will be made. We know this is a tight turnaround, but this is necessary for the planning needed and we appreciate your support.

In the near term, remote instruction will continue through the next two weeks (week of October 6th and 12th), and please note that there is no school this Monday, October 5th for fall break. In this phased reopening plan, teachers/school teams would return to campus the week of October 19th for staff training, professional development, etc., and students would *not be attending school this week* to allow for the team preparation needed. KIPP on Campus students will return to campus thereafter, **October 26th**, in a **hybrid model** (exact details to be determined by our team and the

finalized planning to occur in the coming days) and our KIPP at Home students would continue to learn remotely. As always, this is a tentative schedule and subject to change based on the collaborative planning to be done in the coming weeks and we will confirm plans with you by the week of October 12th. KIPP Cares concluded this week, but Mr. Wood will be in touch with families next week with additional options and similar supports around Columbus.

Family Q & A Sessions will also occur next week to answer any questions you may have at this time, your ideas, feedback, etc. These will be held virtually, via Zoom, and dates/times/Zoom links are below.

- Wednesday, October 7th, 6-6:45PM ([Click here for Zoom link](#))
- Thursday, October 8th, 8:00-8:45AM ([Click here for Zoom link](#))
- Friday, October 9th, 12-12:45PM ([Click here for Zoom link](#))

Again, thank you for your continued engagement AND your patience. There is no perfect way to do this, and this is challenging at best with changing variables daily, but -- as one teacher shared with me this week, "No matter what ends up happening, I know amazing things are and will continue to happen!" - And, I couldn't agree more.

We are all doing our best in these challenging times, and no matter what comes, we are in this together.

With gratitude and in partnership,



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