



## KIPP COLUMBUS FAMILY UPDATE ITEMS - MAY 14, 2021

KIPP Columbus Families:

It is hard to believe that we are in our final weeks of the school year, and as we have reflected numerous times, what a year it has been! As we keep focused on ending this *once-in-a-lifetime* year strong, we also continue to prepare for the years ahead.

KIPP Columbus began in 2008 with 50 students in the 5th grade (KIPP Journey Academy), and we now have the opportunity to support just over 2,000 students (grades K-12) in our schools and at the KIPP Columbus Early Learning Center as our enrollment waitlist also continues to grow. We are overjoyed to share that in the years ahead, KIPP Columbus will *nearly double in size*, and below you will find an *initial, draft* site plan reflecting these expansion plans.

Our **KIPP Columbus Learning Campus** will include grades K-12, across various buildings/schools, and the future expansion will largely reflect our current building structures/configurations, but with additional students at the various grade bands. The new facilities will support at least grades K-5 and renovations/expansion of current facilities will support the secondary grades' (KCM, KCH) expansion. Enhancement of current/future amenities and programs will also be further designed in the months/years ahead.

Our expanded KIPP Columbus Primary is scheduled to open in the fall of 2023 and KIPP Columbus Elementary in the fall of 2024, and a timeline beyond 2024 for additional construction/renovations is TBD.

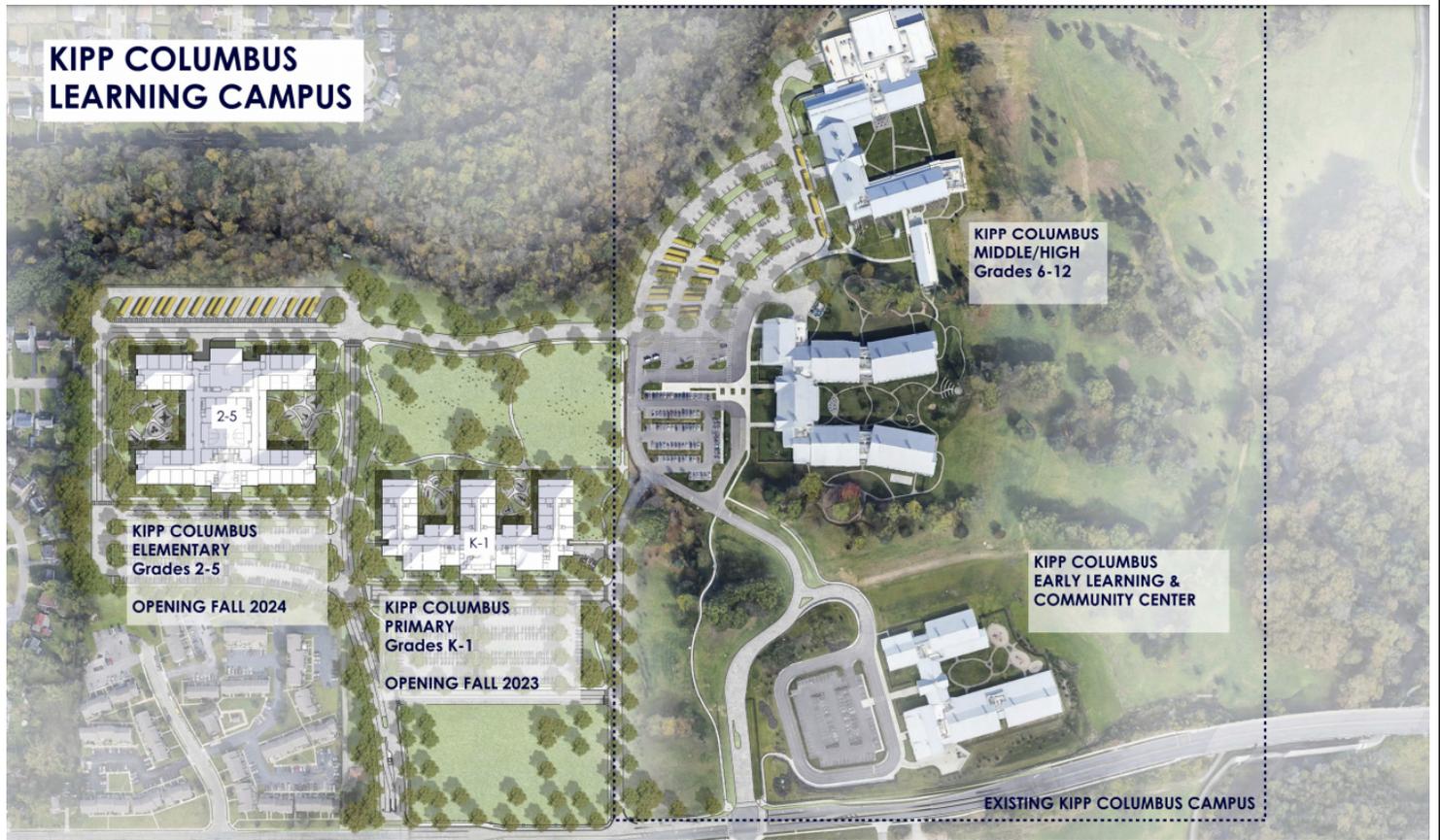
This summer, there will be a family information session with more details (date/time) forthcoming, with more to come in the years ahead as we build this better tomorrow, *together*. Two local, minority owned firms are leading the design and construction for our expansion - [Moody Nolan](#), the country's largest African American owned architecture firm and [Smoot Construction](#), a six decades+, family owned construction management company here in Central Ohio. We are honored to work with them, and you/our broader team and family, and community as we bring this to life. Many thanks to so many of you who have already shared feedback and ideas and as you have any additional thoughts or questions, thank you in advance for [sharing!](#)

Immensely thankful for what has been, and inspired by what is to come. The journey ahead is bright, and we look forward to continuing on this path in partnership with you!

Have a wonderful weekend.

With gratitude,

Hannah D. Powell  
KIPP Columbus, Executive Director



*KIPP Columbus Primary Renderings*



*KIPP Columbus Elementary Renderings*



### Key Dates and Family FAQ

- May 31: Memorial Day, KIPP Columbus Closed
- June 3: Last day for students
- June 5: KIPP Columbus High Class of 2021 Graduation

Please take a few minutes to review this updated Family [FAQ](#) and [this return to campus video](#). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to [reach out](#).

### Teaching & Learning Update

**KIPP Columbus Primary** kindergarten has been working on long vowel sounds in phonics and began learning about subtraction this week in math. First grade KIPPsters have been learning about prefixes in phonics and are practicing their fluency with word problems in math. Both grades are focusing on priority skills and standards to master before the end of the year.

The leaders of tomorrow at KIPP Columbus Elementary have been leading their Team & Family TODAY! 5th grade KIPPster, Jonathan modeled for his class how to divide a decimal by one hundredth. Great work, Johnathan, and we cannot wait to have you leading our classes full time in the future!

**KIPP Columbus Middle** 6th grade math KIPPsters are wrapping up the year with an Entrepreneurship Unit. They are learning about what it takes to start a small business and are even hearing from guest speakers, including a local restaurateur.

**KIPP Columbus High** 9th grade KIPPsters in World history are creating documentaries that are spanning their learning in both history and theater. AP Government students are investigating 4th Amendment Search and Seizure rights and critically analyzing government violations of these rights.

### KIPP Columbus Middle School Track

KIPP Columbus Middle held the first ever home track and field meet ever in our stadium on Thursday May 6th. Our athletes did a great job and will continue to build the program in the years ahead -- GO, JAGUARS!

### Summer Camp Registration - Spots Still Available!

There are still a limited number of summer camp opportunities still available for KIPPsters through our [summer program registration](#) website. The following programs are still accepting applications on a first come, first served basis!

- [Boys and Girls Club \(KIPP Columbus High\)](#)
- [Lindy Infante Foundation Football Camp \(KIPP Columbus Elementary\)](#)
- Lindy Infante Foundation Soccer Camp ([Middle](#) & [High School](#))
- [Happy Hockey Field Hockey Clinic \(Elementary School\)](#)

### Emergency Broadband Benefit

A new Coronavirus relief benefit opened for applications this week -- the Emergency Broadband Benefit. The Emergency Broadband Benefit will provide a discount of up to \$50 per month towards broadband service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers if they contribute more than \$10 and less than \$50 toward the purchase price.

More information can be found [here](#).

### Food Distribution Reminders

Food distribution will occur EACH Tuesday, 10am- 12pm and from 4pm - 5pm for **ANY** and **ALL** children 18 and younger.

### State of Ohio COVID-19 Updates

Governor DeWine [announced this week](#) that as of June 2nd the mask mandate and all remaining COVID-19 health orders will be lifted in Ohio.

KIPP Columbus *will continue to follow* the health and safety guidelines we have established until at least the end of the school year unless directed otherwise by our local public health officials. As we continue to learn more from Columbus Public Health

and Franklin County Public Health regarding the updated CDC guidance and state health orders, more details will be communicated.

In addition to the lifting of COVID-19 orders, Governor DeWine also announced new incentives to Ohio residents for receiving the COVID-19 vaccine. There are two different "[Vax-a-Million](#)" opportunities including 5 \$1 million prizes for adults (for those 18 and up) and 5 full ride scholarships to an Ohio public college (for those 12-17). Drawings for these awards will be held for 5 consecutive Wednesdays beginning on May 26th and those who are vaccinated by the drawing date will have the chance to win. More information regarding where to get your vaccine (for anyone age 12+) is below.

#### **Center for Disease Control COVID-19 Updates**

This week, [the CDC announced](#) that those who are fully vaccinated no longer need to wear a mask in all settings, with a deference to the regulations of the state and local mandates and rules of businesses and workplaces. Masks should still be worn at doctor's offices, hospitals, nursing homes, public transportation and transportation hubs, and when in prisons, jails, or homeless shelters.

**Columbus COVID-19 Context:** Franklin County is currently on a [level 3 on the Ohio Public Health Advisory System](#).

**Vaccine administration sites:** Vaccines are now available to anyone over 16 and the Pfizer vaccine to anyone 12 years old in Ohio based on [new CDC guidelines](#). To learn more about vaccinations for those aged 12-17 please [click here](#).

In partnership with Nationwide Children's Hospital, KIPP Columbus has applied to be a vaccine distribution site to align with our food distribution this summer. While we are only in the application stage, we are hopeful to secure this opportunity for our community.

Below are links with current, available appointments -- *please reach out to the specific location should you need more information regarding the type of vaccine.*

- [Mount Carmel](#)
- [Columbus Public Health](#)
- [OhioHealth](#)
- [CVS Pharmacy](#)
- [Nationwide Children's Hospital](#)

For a comprehensive list of vaccine administration sites in Columbus and across Ohio, [click here](#).

#### **COVID Reminders**

Only students, teachers, and support staff will be in our buildings (no guests, visitors, etc.) at this time. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we do all we can to ensure the health and safety of our learning community and beyond - this will be an adjustment for all of us, and your partnership is invaluable.

As a reminder, if your child has any of [these symptoms](#) (fever of 100.4 or higher, new or worsened cough, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, new or worsened nasal congestion or runny nose), please stay home, rather than coming to campus.

To report your child's absence, please call the main office of your child's school (614-263-6137).

Thank you, in advance, for dropping off your child(ren) between 8:45am - 9:15am. If you arrive prior to that time, we ask that your child(ren) stay in your car until 8:45am.

If you arrive after 9:15am, please park your car and walk your child(ren) to the front door.

Dismissal will *begin* at 3:00 pm. Please call the front office before 2:00 pm if your child's transportation method needs to be changed for the day. If your child needs an early dismissal, please arrive before 2pm and a team member will meet you at the front door of the school to check your identification and sign your child out for the day.



If anyone in your household has tested positive or has a pending COVID test, they will need to stay home and self-isolate/quarantine per the local health department's guidelines -- *we hope you feel better soon!*

If your child tests positive for COVID, please call our COVID hotline (614-966-0425). Your child will need to quarantine at home for 10 days. If your child is enrolled in KIPP on Campus, you will receive a return to school letter from KIPP informing you of your child's return date.

If you have any questions regarding school hours, health screenings, transportation, or other processes contact us [here](#).

#### **Eviction Moratorium**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued an order that may protect individuals from being evicted or removed from current living arrangements and may be able to stay through JUNE 30, 2021, if you qualify. Check out [this flyer](#) for more information.

#### **KIPP Columbus Emergency Response Fund & Additional Supports**

The KIPP Columbus Emergency Response Fund is available 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.

Also, if you (or others you know) might be interested in contributing to this fund, please do so [HERE](#).

#### **KIPP Columbus Website:**

To find the most updated information, all family communications, and helpful links, please visit our website at: [www.kippcolumbus.org/coronavirus](http://www.kippcolumbus.org/coronavirus). Additionally, a weekly COVID - 19 dashboard has been added to our website which will be updated each Friday with the weeks and cumulative positive cases on our campus for both students and team members. If your child is impacted by a reported case, you will receive outreach directly from KIPP Columbus. If your child receives a positive COVID test, please notify our team as soon as possible at [covid@kippcolumbus.org](mailto:covid@kippcolumbus.org) or by calling your child's school