Dear KNOS Families,

I hope this message finds you safe and well as we all continue our remote and virtual lives under the city and state’s stay-at-home orders.

Over the past week we have been working hard to create and finalize our plans for ending the school year. While we are still working out some of the details, we have determined that our last day of school and remote learning for all of our schools will be **Friday, May 15**. In the upcoming weeks we will share more information about this process and details about summer resources. In the meantime, all operational/learning services (remote learning, teacher office hours, feeding sites and the mental health hotline) will continue until May 15.

Throughout this unusual virtual reality, so many of our scholars have been doing exceptional work and we couldn’t be more proud of their success. This week on social media, we announced the ten winners of our second annual Black Lives Matter essay competition. These students from Frederick A. Douglass and Booker T. Washington shared their experiences and opinions on how black women are viewed and treated in today’s society. We are so thankful to these scholars for sharing their voices with us and for their ability to envision thought provoking ideas during this crisis. You can see all of the winners on our social media pages or below.

This is also another example of the great work that we can’t wait to continue next school year.

We are also thankful to all of our families that have completed their ‘Intent to Return’ packets and have committed to our school community for another year. It
is not too late to complete your packets online and get that information to your schools if you have not do so already. With this information we can better plan and serve you next school year.

Our partnership is not something that we take for granted; we appreciate your trust in us.

Thank you,

Rhonda Kalifey-Aluise