Dear Families,

Thank you for your continued support and partnership as we navigate these unprecedented circumstances together. We recognize that this is a challenging time in our community. We are here to support your children in continued learning and as a resource for our families. Our thoughts and prayers are with all who have been directly impacted by this virus.

We talk about team and family often—we couldn’t be more grateful for the thousands of KIPPsters who make up our team and family. We are especially appreciative of the ways that you are supporting your students as well as our teachers as we all adapt to this remote learning environment. It has been amazing to see students full of excitement to see their friends and learn in Google Hangouts, independently reading at home, and reaching out to their teachers for more work.

I’m incredibly proud of the way our KNOS community is responding during this time. In addition to community feeding at two of our campuses, mental health hotlines and other important resources, we have expanded our impact to support the healthcare community at-large by sharing our supplies. We recognize that education has always extended beyond the classroom, and we are stepping up to support our community. Follow us on social media to learn more about our #HealthcareSupplyChallenge and to keep up with our daily updates to families.

As we kick off this next week, I want to share a few quick updates with you.

**ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

Instead of in-person parent teacher conferences originally scheduled for Friday, March 27, virtual conferences will place over the next two weeks. Schools will be reaching out over the next few days to schedule a time for the virtual report card conference.

Teachers are hosting office hours every day from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. to provide academic assistance for students and to make sure work is being done correctly.

**UPDATED COMMUNITY FEEDING PROGRAM SITE INFORMATION**

According to NOLA Public Schools, in an effort to better serve and protect the health of students, families, food service providers, and staff at community feeding sites, the weekly schedule for the Citywide Feeding Program sites are being condensed by providing multiples days of meals during specific daily time frames. Families wishing to access information on child nutrition resources should visit the District’s webpage at https://nolapublicschools.com/covid19/nutrition.

**Citywide Feeding Program - Condensed Schedule:**
- Starting on Monday, March 30 – every Monday, meals will be provided for two days.
- Every Wednesday, meals will be provided for three days.
- Moving forward Community Feeding sites will NOT be open on Tuesday, Thursday or Friday.
- Service Hours remain the same: 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

As we identify more resources we are constantly updating information on our Family Resources page on our website and we encourage all families to check for updates regularly. You will find the latest information that can support you and your family. Based on the latest information we have, we are still planning for a return to
school on April 13th, but will update you immediately if the guidance from the Governor, Mayor, or Superintendent changes. Given that the Federal Government extended their Social Distancing guidance through April 30th, we are anticipating the possibility of a similar school closure extension. Our biggest priority remains the safety of our students and staff.

Lastly, let's keep all of those directly impacted by COVID-19 in our thoughts. Thank you for your support and collaboration during this time. Together, we will get through this.

Best,
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