April 17, 2020

Dear KNOS Families,

We hope you all had a restful and relaxing extended spring break with your loved ones and used this time to remember, reflect and enjoy your friends and family.

As you may have seen on the news, Governor John Bel Edwards has ordered all school buildings to remain closed for the rest of the 2019-2020 school year, in an effort to stop the spread of COVID-19. We are currently working with other charter networks and NOLA Public Schools and meeting with our school leadership teams to identify when and how we will end the school year. We will provide you with that information next week. While these plans are underway, we will continue all of our remote learning programs; teachers will remain available during office hours from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. Our KNOS Mental Health Hotline and community feeding sites also remain open at this time.

We continue our commitment to providing remote learning, health services and nutrition opportunities during this unprecedented experience. We will give you more information as it becomes available and as we finalize plans.

While there is still some uncertainty around this school year, we are still preparing and planning for the 2020-2021 school year, and we are excited about having you and your scholar join us for another school year. Most of you should have received your ‘Intent to Return’ packets. We ask that you complete that paperwork online and get back to us as soon as possible.

We know that our current families are the best examples of what it means to be a part of KIPP New Orleans Schools, and we’d love to hear from you! As we expand our region with additional PK seats and welcome John F. Kennedy High School to our Team and Family, we need your help with getting the word out. If you Refer-A-Family here, your family will receive one free voucher for a uniform shirt for the 2020-2021 school year. If a family you referred commits to KIPP, your family will receive a pizza party on us. We can’t do this without you--expanding our network connects directly to our organizational vision of providing unlimited opportunities to the students of New Orleans.

Let’s work together to make our school community as strong as possible.

KNOS is better because of you, and we appreciate you during this time. As always, we are here for you, and do not hesitate to reach out to us if there is anything we can assist with.

Thank you,

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