

April 16, 2020

Dear KIPP Newark Families,

We hope this email finds your family healthy and safe. Our hearts are with anyone who is dealing with a family member or loved one who is ill right now; please know that your team & family is here if you need anything. To help protect yourself and your loved ones, please continue to follow the guidelines instituted by Governor Murphy's recent executive order urging residents to stay at home and call your doctor immediately if you are experiencing symptoms.

School Closure Update

Today, Governor Murphy announced that all schools across New Jersey will be closed until at least Friday, May 15th. In accordance with this decision, our KIPP Newark school buildings will also be closed until this date. This closure may be extended depending on what is learned in the upcoming weeks and guidance from Governor Murphy. We are still anticipating that there might be a chance we won't return to our school buildings this school year, and will continue to plan for all scenarios.

School Events and Graduations

We've received many questions from families about how extended school closures, if they go beyond 5/15, will affect important school traditions like 4th and 8th grade promotion, high school graduation, Signing Day, and so much more. Our kids deserve to be celebrated for their hard work and perseverance, and we are committed to celebrating virtually in the short-term and in person in the long term when we can be together again. School and regional teams are working quickly to plan for these scenarios and we will keep you updated once we have more information.

Remote Learning Resumes Monday, 4/20

After returning from spring break on April 20th, all students will continue remote learning via Google Classroom and your child's daily remote attendance is essential.

- Please make sure your child logs on by 9:00 a.m. each day; your student will be marked absent after 12:00 p.m. Do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher or school if you have any questions or concerns.

- Next week, we will be “collecting” the take-home packets children received for the first phase of remote instruction so that your children can get credit for attendance and for their Quarter 3 grades! By the end of the day on 4/20, you and your child will see an assignment in your child’s Google Classroom titled “Remote Learning Packet Turn In Assignment.” **Make sure your child completes the assignment by Friday, 4/27.** This assignment is a survey that will give your child the chance to share what they worked on with their teachers. All students must complete this assignment for attendance and grading purposes.

Experiencing Loss, Grief, or In Need of Emergency Support?

We have community resources available for people who have been directly affected by the loss of someone due to COVID-19. Families can contact the KIPP Newark Helpline at kippnewarkhelp@kippnj.org or 973-679-7199. Additionally, [Good Grief](#) is providing information and resources to support the emotional needs of children, families, students, and communities navigating new life circumstances.

With love,

Ms. Belcher