

Dear KIPP Newark Families,

We hope that you are having a great week. We can't wait to welcome our students back on **Monday, 8/24!** Please make sure that your child is logged on **on time** for his/her first class on Monday - your child's school will communicate the exact start time.

What will my child's day look like?

Here are videos that explain the instructional model for elementary school, middle school, and high school! Check them out if you want an overview of the schedule and types of classes your child will have:

- [Elementary School Model video for families](#)
- [Middle School Model video for families](#)
- [High School Model video for families](#)

Empower Us Workshop Series: Tools for Families to Support Online Learning

Trying to navigate Zoom to support your child? Wondering how you can help support your child's virtual learning? Beginning **Saturday, August 22**, we will host a series of digital literacy sessions where you can learn to use all of the functions of Zoom that your scholar needs to be successful with remote learning. You will also have the opportunity to bond with other families and discuss ways to support our children during this time. To register click here www.tinyurl.com/EmpowerUS2020

100% Remote Learning Extended through at least Friday, 10/23 (end of Quarter 1)

We have made the decision to extend 100% remote learning until at least the end of our first academic quarter on October 23, with a return to buildings date of October 26, should health conditions permit, for the reasons below:

- In a [significant reversal](#), Governor Murphy announced that schools could begin the year with an all-remote open. Newark Public Schools has also changed their plans and announced that they will remain 100% remote through the end of their first quarter.
- As you know, the research about COVID-19 keeps evolving, the guidance keeps changing, and our plans to reopen our school buildings have needed to remain flexible to accommodate these changes. We are continuing to monitor the health situation and assess the safety of reopening and the preparation of all of our buildings.
- As more districts around the state are moving to 100% remote learning for the start of the year, extending our 100% remote learning period through the end of the quarter is

more likely to be approved by the state, and will ensure that we maintain a consistent approach to instruction for the entire first quarter before revisiting in person instruction in the hybrid model for Quarter 2.

- We hope that extending through October 23rd will give you a better opportunity to make an informed decision about whether you want to opt into the hybrid model when it is safe to reopen buildings. We will survey families again a few weeks before starting in-person instruction.

A Day For Justice

On Friday, August 28, 2020, a national March on Washington will be held both virtually and in person in our nation's capital, Washington D.C. On this day, in solidarity, KIPP Newark will be holding a Day For Justice. Students will not have live classes - which is typical of our Friday schedule - but instead will be invited to participate in different "live" opportunities to pursue justice in honor of the national efforts for racial justice happening on this day via the national March on Washington. Next week, we will share a menu of opportunities in which families and students can participate. We believe that pursuing justice is part of our mission every single day, and on this day, we want to highlight that commitment and leverage our collective voice. We will send out sign-ups so you can participate in the day's activities soon.

Black Owned Businesses: Share for our Library!

We are collecting a list of KIPP family owned and [Black Owned Businesses](#) so that we can build a library of these to share with our team and family and support these businesses! Please fill out the form if you own a business or have any favorites to suggest!

Have a wonderful weekend, and we can't wait to see our students on Monday!

Love,
Ms. Belcher