



COLUMBUS CITY SCHOOLS DEPARTMENT OF ENGAGEMENT DISTRICT UPDATE TO OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Update for October 9, 2020

Email the CCS Department of Engagement at Engage@columbus.k12.oh.us.

STEP UP! LONG-AWAITED CCS PARTNERSHIP REGISTRY NOW OPEN TO LINK AND ALIGN WORK OF VALUABLE PARTNERS:

During this unprecedented COVID crisis, our Columbus City Schools students, their families, and the teachers and staff in our schools have benefited greatly from the remarkable work and generosity of organizations and individuals throughout our city who answered the call to “step up” when our families needed help the most.

Our Department of Engagement is taking another significant step forward in identifying and coordinating these partnership efforts in our overarching strategic engagement plan with the launch of our long-awaited Partnership Registry.

This impressive online collection will be far more than an official listing on our website. The Partnership Registry will give us real insight and information on the types of services that our partners are providing, how many students they are actually serving, and which areas of the district they are working in.

We know that if we want our engagement efforts to truly be the most impactful as possible for the success and support of our students, we need to ensure that those partnerships are linked and aligned.

More importantly, the Partnership Registry will help us identify the gaps and overlaps in these services so that we can be more equitable in our partnership efforts across all parts of our District and for all students who need and deserve support.

The link to our new Partnership Registry can be found at www.ccsok.us/partnershipregistry. The website has a set of easy-to-follow directions on how to complete the registry.

CELEBRATE ‘PARTNERSHIP APPRECIATION DAY’ ON 10-10

We will officially launch the CCS Partnership Registry on our first “Partnership Appreciation Day” on Saturday - 10/10 on the calendar - a date that symbolizes an equal partnership.

We will use that 10/10 date to begin a monthly series of “Partnership Appreciation Days” - on 10/10, then again on 11/11, 12/12 and so on - to spotlight several of our community partners. It’s our way of saying thank you to those organizations who did “step up” and who continue to make a difference in the lives of our students and their families.

Join us for the Department of Engagement’s Partnership Appreciation takeover of the CCS Twitter feed on Saturday at <https://twitter.com/colscityschools>.



DEDICATING TWO VIRTUAL FAMILY ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS TO ANSWERING QUESTIONS ON BLENDED LEARNING:

The transition to the blended learning model is a significant step forward in our shared efforts to get back to normal and we understand the anxiety that comes with it.

We postponed our Virtual Family Engagement Sessions this past week while the latest plans were being review and finalized. Next week, we will be in a better position to answer the questions families have about the implementation of our blended learning plans and the additional safety measures being put in place.

Our Virtual Family Engagement Sessions on Tuesday (October 13) and Thursday (October 15) will be dedicated to sharing more information and insight on the blended learning models, our phased-in approach, transportation and busing, and opportunities for families to have specific questions addressed at their schools.

The F.A.C.E 2 Face Virtual Family Engagement Sessions start at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom. You need to RSVP to get the link. To sign up, go to www.ccssoh.us/rsvp.

PROVIDING TRANSPARENCY ON COVID-19 CASES IN CCS:

Columbus City Schools is committed to transparency and providing accurate information regarding positive COVID-19 cases while also maintaining privacy and confidentiality for our students and staff.

On our website, the District has created a COVID-19 Dashboard, with data on the number of positive COVID-19 cases that have been reported to the District and are associated with in-person learning or activities.

Here’s the current dashboard:

Columbus City Schools COVID-19 Data (Updated October 8, 2020)		
Approximate number of CCS staff members ¹	Approximate number of CCS students ²	Positive COVID-19 cases reported to the District and associated with in-person learning or activities ³
9,248	48,553	0

The data on the page will be updated weekly with new reported cases. These current numbers represent data reported from September 20 - October 6, 2020

You can view the CCS COVID-19 Dashboard at www.ccssoh.us/Page/9000.



SPOTLIGHT: COLUMBUS PUBLIC HEALTH NO-COST FLU SHOTS

Getting a flu shot is more important than ever this year. Our partners at Columbus Public Health are providing flu shots at no cost during our Fuel Up Food Distribution on Wednesdays.

Here are the locations and times for the next two weeks:

Wednesday 10/14

Woodcrest Elementary (11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)

Northtowne Elementary (5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.)

Wednesday 10/21

Mifflin Middle School (11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)

Linden Park Early Childhood Education Center (5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.)

Columbus Public Health is offering these flu shots to children and adults. Please note that children under 18 will need to be accompanied by a parent to get treated.

Appointments are not necessary. You can skip the line by filling out your paperwork ahead of time at www.columbus.gov/publichealth/programs/Seasonal-Flu-Prevention/Flu-Vaccine-at-CPH.

SPOTLIGHT: TAKE THE TEEN KINDNESS CHALLENGE

Saturday is World Mental Health Day. Our partners at Nationwide Children's Hospital reminded us that 50% of all lifetime mental illness begins by age 14?

That's part of the reason they developed the "Our Sleeves Kindness Challenge." We know exercising and eating healthy can do a body good... so can practicing kindness. Studies show that practicing kindness is beneficial for our own mental health and wellbeing too.

During this COVID crisis, we've recognized the need to support good mental health practices for our youth. Acts of kindness can help reduce stress and negative emotions, help teens feel more connected, and reinforce important social skills that support healthy development.

Check out the Nationwide Children's Hospital Kindness Challenge with your teenagers by visiting: www.onoursleeves.org/get-involved/advocate/kindness-challenge.

SHARE YOUR PARTNERSHIP IN ACTION UPDATES:

Please share this Community Update with the families and stakeholders you serve.

During this historic school year, it's important we communicate as much as possible to as many people as possible - in as many languages as possible - about the steps being taken in Columbus City Schools to support our students and engage our families.

Please share your updates with us at Engage@columbus.k12.oh.us.