



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

Update for June 19, 2020

PURPOSE: To provide an update on COVID-19 response efforts in Columbus City Schools related to our Community Partners and learn about additional supports within our community.

New resources and updates can be found at www.StaySafeCCS.org.
Email the CCS Department of Engagement at Engage@columbus.k12.oh.us.

MORE VOICES NEEDED - HEARING FROM FAMILIES AND STUDENTS ON REOPENING OF SCHOOL:

We know that an important component of planning for how CCS will welcome back students and staff for 2020-2021 school year is hearing directly from our families and young people.

Please help us collect more of their voices and valuable perspectives by sharing information on two important surveys on the reopening of school.

CCS FAMILY SURVEY

Columbus City Schools has a brief 13-question survey for all CCS families to provide feedback on several topics, including online learning, access to technology, transportation and child care needs, and health concerns.

This School Reopening Family Survey has been sent to families directly through phone and email, but to make sure we hear from as many families as possible - in as many languages as possible, and from every sector of our community - please connect with the families you serve to make sure they have completed the survey.

If they have not, perhaps you can even offer to help them complete the online version of the survey.

Here's the link to the School Reopening Family Survey: <https://t.co/PLU67X7sAP>.

CCS STUDENT SURVEY

We also need to hear from our students as we plan for the reopening of schools in the fall. Our brief 11-question School Reopening Student Survey should take less than five minutes for our young people to complete.

To fill out the student survey, go to <https://forms.gle/S142qmPujCdDFnMh7>.

Or students can onto their district email to complete the survey. As a reminder, student email addresses are in the format of studentIDnumber@columbus.k12.oh.us. Students use the same password used to log into computers at school. Students can access their email accounts from any device by visiting www.ccsoffice.org.



NEW 2020-2021 ACADEMIC CALENDARS PROPOSED:

In preparation to reopen school buildings in the fall, Columbus City Schools has proposed amending the academic calendars for the 2020-2021 school year.

The most significant change is the proposed starting date for students on the traditional calendar. If adopted by the Board, the first day of classes would move to Tuesday, Sept. 8, the day after Labor Day.

Teachers would report to work for two full weeks of professional development prior to the start of classes. Since the reopening of schools will look much different than in previous years due to the threat of COVID-19, the District wanted ample time for staff training in a number of areas, including:

- Health and Safety Procedures
- Flexible Learning Environments
- Instructional Technology
- New District-Wide Curriculum Adoptions in English Language Arts and Math
- Social and Emotional Learning
- Equity Training

The amended year-round calendar, which applies to only Woodcrest Elementary School, would have students start on Wednesday, July 29, and teachers report to work on Monday, July 27. Woodcrest Elementary students would attend classes all online until Tuesday, Sept. 8.

The new proposed calendars maintain the minimum number of instructional hours required under current law, even though students would be attending school five fewer days than on the original traditional calendar and six fewer on the year-round calendar.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2020-21 TRADITIONAL CALENDAR (PROPOSED):

- Teachers Report: Monday, August 24, 2020
- First Day for Students: Tuesday, September 8, 2020
- Last Day for Students: Thursday, June 3, 2021
- Last Day for Teachers: Friday, June 4, 2021
- Winter Break: Monday, December 21, 2020 – Friday, January 1, 2021
- Spring Break: Friday, April 2, 2021 – Friday, April 9, 2021

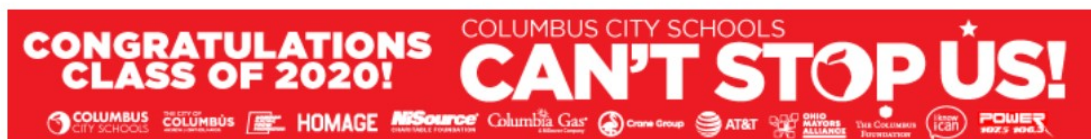
The academic calendars for the 2021-2022 school year will remain the same as they were adopted by the Board of Education in February.

The Board of Education will vote on the changes to both the traditional and the year-round calendars at its meeting on June 30. Superintendent Dr. Dixon will present additional details about the reopening of Columbus City Schools at that same meeting.

To view the proposed Updated 2020-21 CCS Traditional Calendar and 2020-21 CCS Year-Round Calendar, go to www.ccsos.us/Page/2704.



CAN'T STOP US! SENIOR CELEBRATION GOING STRONG:



Our Community-wide Celebration of the Columbus City Schools Class of 2020 is going strong, echoing the student-powered message: “Can’t Stop Us!”

SENIOR CELEBRATION BOX DISTRIBUTION STARTS MONDAY

Starting Monday, Columbus City Schools will be handing out Senior Celebration Boxes to the graduating seniors in the CCS Class of 2020.

Each distinctive box has a unique CCS Class of 2020 “Can’t Stop Us!” t-shirt, tumbler, journal, and other memorable items. Below are the dates and times that students can go to their home high schools to pick up a Senior Celebration Box.

SENIOR BOX DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULE

(Pick Up is from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted)

- Monday (6/22): Fort Hayes, Walnut Ridge
- Tuesday (6/23): Briggs, CAHS, Mifflin
- Wednesday (6/24): Columbus North International, Independence, Marion-Franklin,
*Northland (11:00am - 2:30pm)
- Thursday (6/25): Columbus Africentric, Linden-McKinley, South, West
- Friday (6/26): Beechcroft, Centennial, East, Whetstone
- Next Week: Eastmoor Academy (Monday, 6/29)

The “Can’t Stop Us!” theme of this celebration came out of input from several seniors who said they wanted a message that reflected on how this special graduating class didn't let the COVID-19 crisis prevent them from achieving success.

MONTH LONG CELEBRATION OF OUR SENIORS

Listen for our Senior Celebration messages airing on Power 107.5, Magic 95.5, Joy 107.1, 97.9 WNCI, 92.3 WCOL, Throwback 105.3, and 106.7 The Beat.

Large electronic billboards located in high-visibility areas throughout the city also carry the celebratory message, along with hundreds of yard signs placed at students’ homes.

Next week, the Class of 2020 will be recognized with a special City Hall lighting.

The Community-wide Celebration of the Columbus City Schools Class of 2020 is made possible by the generous support of the Columbus Foundation, AT&T, the AEP Foundation, the City of Columbus, Crane Group, Columbia Gas/NiSource Foundation, Homage, the Ohio Mayors Alliance, and I Know I Can.



VIRTUAL GRADUATION CEREMONIES: JUNE 22 - 27

Our Community-wide Celebration of the Columbus City Schools Class of 2020 culminates in the District's first-ever series of virtual graduation and completion ceremonies. Here are the dates and times of next week's ceremonies:

Monday, June 22

Walnut Ridge High School (5:00 p.m.)
Eastmoor Academy (6:30 p.m.)
Fort Hayes Arts and Academic High School (8:00 p.m.)

Tuesday, June 23

Linden-McKinley STEM Academy (5:00 p.m.)
Mifflin High School (6:30 p.m.)
Northland High School (8:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, June 24

Beechcroft High School (5:00 p.m.)
Briggs High School (6:30 p.m.)
Columbus Alternative High School/CAHS (8:00 p.m.)

Thursday, June 25

Independence High School (5:00 p.m.)
Columbus North International (6:30 p.m.)
Marion-Franklin High School (8:00 p.m.)

Friday, June 26

South High School (5:00 p.m.)
West High School (6:30 p.m.)
Whetstone High School (8:00 p.m.)

Saturday, June 27

Columbus Scioto 6-12 (12:00 p.m.)
Columbus Africentric Early College (1:30 p.m.)
East High School (3:00 p.m.)
Centennial High School (4:30 p.m.)

Each high school's virtual graduation ceremony will be streamed on the Columbus City Schools Facebook page and YouTube channel, aired on the Columbus Educational Access Channel, and simulcast on WCBE 90.5 FM (www.wcbe.org). The full streaming schedule is at www.ccsos.us/Page/8079.

The entire Columbus community is encouraged to join in on this senior celebration by sharing photos, words of encouragement, and congratulatory messages on social media using the hashtag **#CCSGrad2020**.



HEALTHY BODIES - ACCESS TO FOOD DURING THE SUMMER:

Don't forget: Columbus City Schools' 15 Grab-and-Go Food Sites remain open each weekday in June, so students and parents can still pick up free breakfasts and lunches for any children 18 years old and under.

At the Community Tables at each site, our partners at Children's Hunger Alliance offer additional take-home meals and several of our community partners are providing additional resources, such as hygiene kits, art activities, and academic materials.

The online map to the CCS Grab-and-Go Food Sites can be found at www.ccssoh.us/Page/7560.

MAPS TO MORE SUMMER FOOD LOCATIONS

Go, Lunch! The Columbus Recreation and Parks' Summer Food Program offers free meals and safe activities for students during the Summer months at several community centers and in partnership with other organizations. A full listing of sites and times of operations - along with an easy to navigate online map - can be found at www.golunch.club.

HEALTHY MINDS - HELP WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH:

This COVID-19 crisis has created uncertain and stressful situations for so many of our families, both for parents and children. Our partners at the Nationwide Children's School-Based Behavioral Health Team are offering mental health support to parents through tele-health visits - which allow you and your child to remain at home and receive the care you need.

Connect with a member of the NCH team from a phone or a computer. Call 614-355-8658 to schedule an appointment or go to www.NationwideChildrens.org/Care-Connection.

CONGRATS TO NCH ON BEING ONE OF THE BEST

According to the 2020-2021 U.S. News & World Report's Best Children's Hospitals, our partners at Nationwide Children's Hospital are some of the best in the nation. Hospitals were ranked by specialties and overall excellence on the Honor Roll list.

Nationwide Children's Hospital came in at number eight (but they are #1 in our hearts).

SHARE YOUR PARTNERSHIP IN ACTION UPDATES:

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

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 students and families.

**Our work is far from over, and we want to honor your continued commitment.
Please share your updates with us at Engage@columbus.k12.oh.us.**