

Dear CPS Families:

As we near May, we want to thank our students and families for their continued patience and flexibility as we all navigate this time together. Learning continues in Columbia Public Schools.

Below is the Monday update on operations in Columbia Public Schools.

Academics & Schools

- We have not made a final decision nor an official announcement regarding **graduation**. We stand beside you in the desire to have an in-person ceremony, however the final plan must comply with the health authority re-opening/re-entry guidelines. Based on what we believe the parameters will be, we are planning for several possible scenarios to honor our seniors. We have also asked seniors and their families to provide feedback. Once parameters are announced by the Health Department, we will be able to finalize plans for graduation and other end-of-year activities. Dr. Stiepleman discussed our COVID-19 plans, graduation and end-of-year activities on the Tom Bradley Show this morning. You can listen to the segment here: <https://thetombradleyshow.com/podcasts/ttbs-with-cps-super-dr-peter-stiepleman-4-27-20/>
- **Summer school** will not be held in-person this summer. Elementary programming will not occur. We will only be able to offer online for credit advancement and credit recovery. Information on the June and July summer online sessions for credit advancement and credit recovery will be emailed soon. Please watch for emails directly from the summer school office.
- Information on **special services** and frequently asked questions regarding special education for students is available on the COVID-19 website at www.cpsk12.org/COVID19. Special Services is also working on options for ESY, although no decisions have been made at this point in time.
- **Elementary packets** are continuing to be mailed home. Packets are being mailed with two weeks of work at a time. If your packet has not yet arrived, they are also available on our website at www.cpsk12.org/COVID19 under academic resources.
- Many are asking about obtaining **belongings left at school**. The stay-at-home order must be lifted prior to this being possible and we are working on plans for how this will occur. We want to ensure everyone can do this safely. More information will be provided as soon as plans are finalized.

Food & Family Support Resources

- Information is available for families in **multiple languages** on the COVID-19 website at <https://www.cpsk12.org/Page/17630>. Please share with others who may need information in an alternate language. Language interpreting is also available for parents/guardians and students who require it. If you require an interpreter, please inform your student's teacher or school, and we will arrange for an interpreter to assist you. If we do not have a CPS interpreter for your language, we will work to find someone who can help.
- **Grab-and-Go** meal routes have been updated. New routes are attached and also available on our website: <https://www.cpsk12.org/cms/lib/MO01909752/Centricity/Domain/9415/Grab-and-Go%20Updated%20Routes%204-13-20.pdf>

- A **map of food sources**, including Grab-and-Go stops, has also been created by Veterans United. You can access the map tool here: <https://www.veteransunited.com/newsroom/interactive-map-of-available-resources-brought-to-you-by-veterans-united-home-loans/>
- **Counseling and mental health** resources are also available to families: <https://www.cpschoolcounseling.com/covid-19.html>

Technology

- Resources: www.cpsk12.org/covid19/technology.
- Forgot your ID: <https://web.cpsk12.org/cpsonline/familyupdate/familyupdate.php#!>
- Forgot your password: <https://launchpad.classlink.com/resetpassword?scode=CPSFamilies>
- The district is planning for what device return and exchange will look like for seniors and those transitioning to middle and high school. More information will be sent to families as soon as it is available.

Please continue to follow the guidance from our local, state and federal agencies. Our COVID-19 website will continue to be updated regularly with information: www.cpsk12.org/COVID19

Stay safe and healthy!

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