

May 15, 2020

Dear YES Prep Families and Community,

We hope this message still finds you safe and well. YES Prep is continuing to stay focused on maximizing the experience for students and families in these last weeks nearing the end of the 2019-2020 school year. We are grateful for all that you are doing to support the success of your children during this unprecedented time. We have a few updates and announcements for you below. Thank you for reading this message in its entirety for important details.

Keep YES Prep Learning: Family Guide Week 8

Week 8 of our virtual distance learning program, “Keep YES Prep Learning,” begins next Monday, May 18. A reminder, this program is required for all YES Prep students. Please visit yesprep.org/covid19/academics to view the Week 8 Family Guide! Keep up the good work, students!

Senior Signing Day 🎓

We are so excited about our virtual Senior Signing Day, which is only four days away! Please join us in celebrating our seniors on Tuesday, May 19 at 7 p.m. by heading to our website and watching their declaration videos at yesprep.org/seniorsigningday. *Videos will be posted on May 19 at 7 p.m.

Don't forget to show your support for our seniors on Twitter and Instagram by posting and using the hashtags #SSD2020, #AgainstAllOdds, and #CollegeSigningDay during your watch parties! If you need ideas on how to throw a watch party, check out the SSD Virtual Watch Party Guide on the YES Prep Senior Signing Day webpage linked above! We can't wait to see where the Class of 2020 is heading after graduation!

Virtual Graduation for the Class of 2020 (May 29th, 30th, and 31st) 🎓

Now that students have picked up their Caps and Gowns, we can get ready to graduate the Class of 2020! Each campus will have an individual ceremony live-streamed online at their campuses originally scheduled time, listed below. The Virtual Graduation ceremony will last between 45 minutes to an hour and will be personalized by the campus staff to maintain the unique culture of their class and campus, which may include video montages, messages from staff and students, and social media walls for students to engage in.

The link to live-stream Virtual Graduation will be sent directly to Seniors through their Senior Seminar Team Channel the week of May 25. However, we know that other family members and friends, not living in your home, will also want to watch and celebrate! Anyone outside of your



home that would like to watch the Virtual Graduation Live Stream can do so by accessing the link from YES Prep's commencement webpage. For more details please visit: yesprep.org/commencement.

	Friday, May 29	Saturday, May 30	Sunday, May 31
9 a.m.	Eisenhower	Southeast	Brays Oaks
12 noon	White Oak	North Forest	East End
3 p.m.	Northside	West	Southwest
6 p.m.	Fifth Ward	North Central	Gulfton

Family-Suggested Tips and Helpful Resources from Family Survey

Thank you for sharing tips, suggestions, and resources that you would recommend for other parents on the recent Family survey. Although we can't share all 5,300 responses, [here](#) are some that represent the wisdom and experience of the amazing YES Prep parents and families. We look forward to having more added to the list as we continue to find new ways to support one another remotely!

End of Year Closeout

YES Prep Public Schools is committed to providing safe opportunities to close out the school year given the current circumstances regarding COVID – 19. As such, below are several updates regarding end of year closeout.

- **Locker Cleanout & Textbook Return - SENIORS ONLY**
 - **Who:** **ONLY** Seniors will partake in locker cleanout & textbook return at this time.
 - **When:** May 18th – June 12th. Campuses will be contacting families with a specific update regarding when they will be expecting seniors to pick up items left in their lockers and to return their textbooks.
 - **Additional Information:** Locker Cleanout & Textbook Return for current 6th – 11th graders will be part of our reopening plan at the beginning of next school year.
- **Returning YES Prep Issued Laptop & Charger**
 - **Who:** All borrowed laptops and chargers for students in 6th – 12th grade are expected to be returned EXCEPT students who will participate in Credit Recovery, ACE, or are in Special Education.
 - **When:** May 26th – June 12th. Campuses will be contacting you with a specific update regarding when families will be expecting to return YES Prep Issued Laptops & Chargers.
- **Final Report Card**
 - Your students final report card for the 2019 – 2020 School Year will be mailed between June 1st – June 12th, 2020

If you have any questions regarding the topics above, please reach out to your campus front office between the hours of 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM between Monday – Friday.



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Campus Front Offices Closed on May 22nd

Campus front offices will be closed on Friday, May 22, 2020. Please feel free to leave a voicemail and your call will be returned by close of business on Tuesday, May 26, 2020.

North Forest and Southside Elementary Schools

YES Prep is excited to announce our plan to open two more YES Prep elementary campuses—in the North Forest and Southside communities! YES Prep **Southside Elementary** and YES Prep **North Forest Elementary** are scheduled to open for the 2021-2022 school year. For more information and to learn who the two new principals are, [click here](#).

Applications to attend YES Prep Southside Elementary and YES Prep North Forest Elementary will be available this Fall. We are currently still accepting applications to YES Prep Southeast Elementary and YES Prep North Central Elementary for the upcoming school year.

Memorial Day and Meal Distribution

Meal distribution will take place as usual next Monday, May 18 and Thursday, May 21. On Thursday, May 21, multiple meals will be given out – enough for families over the long holiday weekend. Meal distribution will NOT take place on Monday, May 25. Distribution will resume normal schedule on Thursday, May 28.

Families, we want to thank you again for trusting us with the responsibility of educating your children. Although each day seems to bring on change in every aspect of our lives, please know that YES Prep continues to make every effort to bring stability to the instructional lives of our students and a spirit of celebration as we wrap up this school year.

Thank you