

May 22, 2020

Dear YES Prep Families and Community,

It is hard to believe that we are only one week away from the end of the school year. And what an unprecedented end it has been. The last couple of months have been challenging but we are amazed and grateful for all that you are doing to support the success of your children during this time. YES Prep remains committed to maximizing the experience for students and families in these last days of the school year and through the summer. We cannot wait to safely be together again with our students, families, and staff.

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 9

Week 9 of our virtual distance learning program, “Keep YES Prep Learning,” begins next Tuesday, May 26. This final week offers optional learning activities and virtual cultural events. Please visit yesprep.org/covid19/academics to view the Week 9 Family Guide! Important information will be included. Let’s finish out the school year strong, students!

Senior Signing Day

YES Prep’s virtual Senior Signing Day was a huge success with over TWENTY THOUSAND visits to the YES Prep website to watch the student declaration videos! We hope our seniors felt celebrated as they watched surrounded by their families during their virtual watch parties! If you couldn’t watch on Tuesday, May 19, that’s OK! The videos are still available at yesprep.org/seniorsigningday. We are beyond impressed by the resilience and determination of the Class of 2020 and we look forward to continuing celebrating them through graduation! More details about graduation can be found in the Week 9 Family Guide and at yesprep.org/commencement.

Campus End of Year Virtual Programming

YES Prep campuses will provide virtual end of year programming for students to celebrate their accomplishments from the year and close out with their current grade levels. These events will take place May 26, 27, 28. Campuses will communicate the exact time of these events next week as they may differ for each grade level or may be campus wide. Please be on the look out for additional information on your campus’s social media pages, family newsletters, or students’ Microsoft Teams Channels.



Credit Recovery

If your student did not earn credit for a core course in grades 9-12, please enroll them in Summer Credit Recovery to regain the Credit. Summer Credit Recovery is being offered free of charge to families. More information about the Summer Credit Recovery Program, how to register and how to contact at your home campus to learn more can be found at yesprep.org/parents/credit-recovery.

P-EBT or Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer

Detailed information regarding P-EBT is coming soon. Visit this website for more information: <https://hhs.texas.gov/services/health/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-covid-19-information-texans/pandemic-ebt-p-ebt-due-covid-19>

Families who received SNAP benefits for the month of March 2020 and have children 5-18 years old as of May 17, 2020, do not need to apply for those children. These families will receive P-EBT benefits on their current Lone Star Card by May 22. Families with children up to 21 years old who are certified to receive free or reduced-price meals during the 2019-20 school year need to apply for P-EBT. (This includes families who received SNAP benefits for the month of March 2020 and have children under 5 and between 19 and 21).

If your child attends Brays Oaks, East End, Fifth Ward, Gulfton, North Central, North Forest, Northline, Northside, Southeast, Southside, Southwest, West, or White Oak, your family qualifies for the benefit and should apply.

If your child attends Hobby, Northwest, YES Prep Eisenhower, YES Prep Hoffman, YES Prep Northbrook MS, or YES Prep Northbrook HS, YES Prep will verify if your family qualifies for the benefit. YES Prep will send a link to an online application by the first week of June. Once the application is received, verified and approved, your will receive a Texas P-EBT card in the mail that includes P-EBT funds.

Please note this is NOT a financial benefit from YES Prep but from the Texas government (Health and Human Services). YES Prep is happily passing along this information!

Campus Front Offices Closed on May 22nd

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

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. We wish you wish you a safe Memorial Day weekend. May we all honor and remember those who have lost their lives for our country!

Thank you