



Ops' Team Newsletter

The Operations' team includes (Please Note the usage of Departmental acronyms through out the Newsletter): Bond (B), Campus Police (CP), Child Nutrition (CN), Enrollment Center (EC),

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Message from Jorge



Dear Team,

Thank you for the hard work and support you provided every day in June to our students and families through our Summer Café and through all the summer work to ensure that our schools are ready for next school year...I am truly grateful for all you do every day.

As you know, Team Tulsa has been working hard to plan for our school year 2020-21 to ensure that next year we can be with our students in-person as much as is possible. We will accomplish this by being flexible while staying safe. On June 29, our Board of Education approved a new 2020-2021 school calendar that provides for flexible scheduling options based on current health and safety guidance from the Tulsa Health Department. We used insights from our 13,500 community survey respondents to develop this calendar, and the feedback from approximately 800 teachers and 1,000 staff members.

Below are key points of information regarding the new calendar to make sure that you understand the changes that will take place. During the month of July we will continue to work on all of the implementation details and will continue to keep you informed. Please take a few minutes to read this information, and you can also go to www.tulsaschools.org/backtoschool for more information.

Sincerely,

Jorge Robles

Chief Operations Officer
Tulsa Public Schools

2020-2021 School Calendar

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- Over the next six weeks, Tulsa Public Schools will work with community partners to help support families with resources for in-home learning. The district will also continue to provide breakfast and lunch meal service on distance learning days. We recognize the need for child care on Wednesdays and will be working with local community-based organizations, child care, and faith-based organizations to support our families.

Flexible Scheduling in 2020-2021

While the Board of Education approved the change to the 2020-2021 school year calendar, the district is planning for a range of scheduling options that would be implemented as needed based on recommendations from local health professionals: learning in-person, a mix of in-person and distance learning, and distance-only learning.

The district also plans to offer a virtual school option – called TPS Virtual Academy – for students and families who are at high-risk for infection or who would prefer to keep their children home. Students in the virtual academy will continue to be students in their current schools, but will complete their studies virtually.

If families choose this option, they will have the opportunity to return to in-person learning if their preference changes.

The decision about which type of schedule students and teachers will use will be finalized in early August based on guidance from the Tulsa Health Department. Our team is working tirelessly to prepare our schools to safely welcome your children back to school.

Health and Safety

Nothing is more important than keeping our students, team members, and families safe, and our students, parents, and team will see some new safety measures in the 2020-2021 school year.

Tulsa Public Schools will:

- Be prepared to provide all of the protective equipment necessary to keep the community safe, and this may include masks.
- Develop plans for reconfiguring spaces and classrooms to maintain social distancing practices and is working to create protocols for social distancing on buses and during arrival and dismissal times.
- There will be additional cleaning procedures in place that may include hand-washing stations throughout buildings.
- Add signs in all district buildings to encourage students, staff, and visitors to follow safety procedures including social distancing and frequent hand-washing.

THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL IS ON AUGUST 31!

LOW COVID RATES HIGH

IN-PERSON LEARNING
STUDENTS SAFELY LEARN IN SCHOOL.

HYBRID
STUDENTS SAFELY LEARN IN SCHOOL AND AWAY FROM SCHOOL.

100% DISTANCE LEARNING
STUDENTS SAFELY LEARN AWAY FROM SCHOOL.

TULSA PUBLIC SCHOOLS VIRTUAL ACADEMY

Visit TulsaSchools.org/BacktoSchool for more information.





LGBT Pride Month: Click [here](#) for more information.

Juneteenth: Commemorates the June 19, 1865 event when Union General Gordon Granger landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the Civil War had ended and that the enslaved were now free. Click [here](#) for more information.

African-American Music Appreciation Month

ALS Awareness Month

Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month

National Safety Month

National Smile Month



Pascual Aguallo Olmos (F), Elizabeth C. Alvarez (CN), Rodney G. Asberry (CN), Norma J. Aul (CN), George W. Barnes III (F), Angelica Bejar (F), Joseph E. Bennett (F), Nikita Bentley (T), Ellen F. Berry (T), Providencia D. Biagas (F), Eugene Booker (F), Shari L. Cook (F), Pamela Carmons (CN), Arnett Cherry (T), Antonia Delgado (CN), Maria D. Valdivia De Jimenez (CN), Martin Villavicencio-Duran (F), D Stephen D. Essman (F), Dianna Ezell (T), Maria Flores (F), John F. Forthman (T), Bonnie B. Frank (CN), Everette L. Green (CN), Steve Gilford (F), Robert D. Griffin (T), Alba L. Gordillo (F), Patty R. Heinritz (CN), Byron D. Henderson (T), Maria D. Hernandez (F), Billy L. Hobbs (CP), Reshele R. Jackson (T), Lotis C. Jahnigen (CN), Nykoa Q. Jones (T), Rozalyn R. Jones (CN), Fannie M. King (CN), Polly Krier (EC), Ronald E. Lewis (T), Rhonda L. Lindsay (CN), Angela Y. Logan (CN), Janika J. Long, David Manns (F), Demario L. Markham (F), Bonita C. Marshall (CN), Maria C. De Martinez (CN), Darryl Mayfield (F), Thomas H. Mckeefery (T), Selwyn J. Mclean (T), Casey J. Middleton (F), Carlos Garcia Mora (F), Wynema L. Morse (CN), Keymah Muhammad (T), Darla A. Mukes (T), Misenga M. Musungayi, Charles W. Norfleet (F), Gustavo Obregon (F), Abrionna D. Oglesby (CP), Darryl T. Pete (F), Tiffany D. Pickerel (CN), Erica A. Reed (CN), Roy F. Reid (T), Alton Roberts (T), Fern E. Robinson (F), Teresa Gonzalez Rosas (F), Socorro Saldivar (CN), Imani S. Samuels (CN), Charmaine L. Sayre (CN), L. Snider (F), Rita Soberanis (F), Raquel Hernandez Soberano (CN), Enedilia F. Solis (CN), Kristina M. Solt (CN), Karen S. Talbot (CN), Michelle Taylor (EC), Kenneth W. Speed (T), Michael S. Spears (F), Jerriann Taylor (T), Denise M. Thomas, April L. Todd (T), Evelyn M. Townsley (F), Gregory B. Thomas (F), Robert L. Thompson (F), Hector Valencia (F), Agustin Villavicencio (F) Alondra Vidales (F), Darrell W. West (F), Dequencia Walker (T), James C. Walton (T), Gerald D. Webb (T), Jenn White (EC), Joan B. Williams (CN), Angel L. Williams (T), Rashad L. Woodrow (CP)





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- **Enrollment Center Staff members prepared the Diplomas for TPS Seniors.**
- **Collaborative Teams efforts in distributing Farm to Families food boxes.**
- **Lashona Hickmon-Moore (T): Personal effort to prepare/insured all Transportation employees were paid for the Juneteenth Holiday the TPS Board approved on June 18th.**

Resources

- **Call 800-635-8611 for COVID19 testing**
- **Complete the 2020 Census at, <https://www.2020Census.gov>. Your participation is important to the City of Tulsa and vital to Tulsa Public Schools.**
- **Mental Health, Employee Assistance Program, & Crisis Support**
- **The Opportunity Project's COVID-19 Resource Page**
- **TPS Meal Sites**
- **Hunger Free COVID-19 Food Resources**
- **Tulsa Area United Way COVID-19 Resource Directory**
- **Disaster Distress Helpline**
- **Creating Healthy, Inclusive Virtual Environments**
- **OK Department of Mental Health and Substance**
- **Abuse Services COVID-19 Resource Directory**
- **Turnaround For Children COVID**

In Memoriam

Terrie Harmon, Transportation Staff member.

We are always working to make this newsletter more useful and valuable to you. If you have feedback and/or suggestions please contact Dr. Pauline Harris at harripa2@tulsaschools.org or 918-202-4064.

