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Dear YES Prep Families,

We hope you and your family are enjoying a safe and healthy summer.

The first day of the 2020-21 school year is Monday, Aug. 17. After feedback from you and in accordance with guidance from health and state education officials, we are working on a full-scale effort to prepare for the upcoming school year—with the health and safety of our students and staff as our highest priority. We remain firmly committed to the rigorous education and success of your children on their path to college and beyond.

In this message you'll find details and updates regarding **Re-enrollment** and the **YES Prep School Program Option Survey**, two critical steps that families are urged to complete as we continue to develop plans to Keep YES Prep Learning in 2020-2021.

Additionally, here is a preview of our [reopening plans](#) that outline the YES Prep school program options that families can choose from starting this Fall as well as health and safety protocols we are implementing to help keep the virus out of our schools.

Today, all families should have received an email from Skyward@yesprep.org with your Skyward Family Access Account information. Skyward is our new and improved student information system. You will need to login to the Skyward Family Access Center to complete **both** re-enrollment and the YES Prep School Program Option Survey. If you did not receive an email from Skyward@yesprep.org, feel free to reach out to your campus from 9:00 am -12:00 pm Monday-Friday. In addition, campus leaders will be calling every family next week to provide support in completing the re-enrollment forms as well as the YES Prep School Program Option Survey.

*Our YES Prep Aldine Partnership families—YES Prep Hoffman and YES Prep Eisenhower—should have received the email from Skyward@yesprep.org. However, our YES Prep Spring Branch families—Northbrook MS and HS will **not** receive this email.*

More step-by-step instructions on logging into Skyward Family Access Center can be found in our [Reopening Guide for Families](#). We have also created [videos](#) to walk you through the steps to do so.

Re-enrollment

Every year we must update our records to be sure we have the most accurate information to best serve all our students and families. This year, we moved to a new student information system, called Skyward (mentioned above). We need both new and returning families to complete the re-enrollment process within Skyward to hold your spot at YES Prep. We are asking families to please complete re-enrollment by July 24. *(Please note this does NOT apply to our Spring Branch Partnership Schools: YES Prep Northbrook MS and YES Prep Northbrook HS.)*



YES Prep School Program Survey

While we continue to work on logistics for this coming school year during a pandemic, we are planning for YES Prep schools to operate both **virtually** and **in person**, as you deem best for your student(s). While we had hoped to offer an option blending in-person and virtual learning for each family who preferred, we must comply with the latest state guidelines requiring one or the other.

We understand that each family has unique concerns related to returning to daily routines while coexisting with COVID-19. We want you to know that YES Prep will support you in making the decision that is best for you and your student. If your circumstances change, there will be a process to change options before or during the school year. *(Please note this does NOT apply to our Spring Branch Partnership Schools: Northbrook MS and Northbrook HS).*

The two learning program options you will be able to choose from are as follows:

- **ONLINE AT HOME:** Learning online at home 5 days/week. No learning at school.
- **IN PERSON AT SCHOOL:** Learning in person at school 5 days/week. No online learning.

More detailed information on our program options including survey submission dates can be found in our [Reopening Guide for Families](#) and at yesprep.org/reopening.

As a reminder, families at YES Prep Northbrook MS and Northbrook HS will take the SBISD learning program survey sent out by Spring Branch ISD. Please note: SBISD will also be offering the same two learning program options as YES Prep- ONLINE AT HOME or IN PERSON AT SCHOOL.

For those who choose to have students return to campus, our schools will operate differently, observing stringent health and safety practices, including the following, to help protect students and staff.

- Students organized into cohorts to reduce the number of students in large group gatherings
- Daily screening and temperature checks for all students and staff, requiring they stay home if symptomatic or believed to have been infected
- School bus cleaning protocols and masks required for drivers and students
- Breakfast and lunch offerings that will allow for social distancing
- Masks required to be worn by every person for whom it is developmentally appropriate
- Extensive, frequent cleaning and disinfecting of any commonly touched areas such as door handles and bathroom facilities
- Mandatory hygiene practices, including frequent hand washing at designated times
- Creation of campus health response teams and training all staff on identifying symptoms
- Designation of areas for any student/staffer who may —while on campus— develop symptoms or learn about exposure to others believed to have been infected
- Immediate reporting of any known cases on campus to health officials, school staff, and students and parents
- Regulating extra-curricular activities
- No non-essential visitors
- On-campus and remote social-emotional supports for students



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- Strict adherence to CDC and state guidelines for isolating at home after a student or staffer is infected or exposed to someone infected
*Our partnership campuses- YES Prep Hoffman, Eisenhower, Northbrook MS, and Northbrook HS, will follow the health and safety protocols established by their partner districts- Aldine ISD or Spring Branch ISD.

More information can be found in our preliminary [Reopening Guide for Families](#) and at yesprep.org/reopening.

We will do everything that we can to help keep the virus out of our schools, but as highly infectious as the coronavirus is, we are preparing for every scenario. Families will have the option to move to distance learning if they prefer before or during the school year. Each YES Prep campus will be ready to modify plans and switch classes to distance learning if conditions require school closure for a limited or extended period of time.

The uncertainty from this health threat is difficult for us all, and we are here to help in any way we can. If you have a question, concern or an urgent need for your family, we want to know. Your principal and school staff hope you will reach out.

We will share additional information as soon as we can and will continue to update our website, yesprep.org/covid19, with the latest developments and resources to community services.

Thank you