Dear Families:

We have made it through the first week of classes online! Though it wasn’t perfect (though better than we could have hoped for), we are very proud of the hard work that our staff and students put in to make it happen. I am also proud to say that Brays Oaks had amongst the highest overall attendance online in the YES Prep system! We know that none of our hard work would have led to this achievement without the help from our parents and guardians helping us get students online. For that, we thank you.

We will not have school on Monday in observance of Labor Day. Virtual school will resume on Tuesday, September 8th at 8:30a.m. As always, our most up to date links and announcements are available at [http://tinyurl.com/brayscovid19](http://tinyurl.com/brayscovid19).

### YES Prep Communication About Re-Opening & Brays Oaks Town Halls on Re-Opening

Every family should have received messaging from Mark DiBella, YES Prep’s CEO on Friday about re-opening of YES Prep campuses. Please be sure to read his email, [which you can find here](http://tinyurl.com/brayscovid19). You can also watch a video that outlines YES Prep’s reopening plans here.

In Mr. DiBella’s email, he outlines that YES Prep Public Schools will provide an option for students with special needs to return in person starting September 28th. All students will receive the option to return in person starting the week of October 19th. All virtual programming will remain available to families throughout the year. Families will have the opportunity to take a survey starting Friday, September 11 to elect whether they would prefer in-person or virtual instruction upon our reopening.

In addition to reading Mr. DiBella’s email, we would like to encourage you to join our online Family Town Halls being held next week. There will be two events happening simultaneously, one in English and one in Spanish, both occurring on **Thursday, September 10th at 5:30pm**. Remember you can join on a cell phone, tablet, or computer.

- For English, join [https://tinyurl.com/braysenglishtownhall](http://tinyurl.com/braysenglishtownhall)
- For Spanish, join [https://tinyurl.com/braysspanishtownhall](http://tinyurl.com/braysspanishtownhall)

We will be promoting this on Facebook and Instagram, and will send reminders next week.

### Meal Distribution Change for Next Week Only

Because Monday, September 7th is a holiday, meal distribution will take place on Tuesday, September 8th. The change of day will be for next week only.

### A/B Days for Next Week

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### Bell Schedule for the Week

Students will engage in classes from 8:30am – 3:45pm daily.

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### Resetting Teams Passwords

Remind your student to reset their Teams password if they haven’t already. All students were initially given the same password but should change it to their own personal password for security reasons.
**Meal Distribution Reminder**

- Meal distribution will continue through the semester but will now be once a week rather than twice. Meals will be distributed on **Mondays** only, beginning on Monday, August 24th. Here are some details:
  - Meals will be distributed on **Mondays** between 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
  - You will receive breakfast and lunch for 5 days
  - You may pick up meals for each of your YES Prep students

**Attendance and Absences**

- We will continue to take attendance every period virtually. Here are some key notes:
  - If your student is going to be absent for part or all of the day, please email an excuse note to kenia.lopez@yesprep.org
  - If your student encounters technical difficulties or is having trouble joining a class, they should send a Teams message to their teacher. If a student is tardy by more than 3 minutes or leaves a class early without communication, he/she will receive a tardy demerit.

**Technology Support**

- If students run into any major technology issues, they should put in a ticket at [http://tinyurl.com/braystechsupport](http://tinyurl.com/braystechsupport) and someone will respond to help out!
- If students have a technology problem that might be easy to resolve (like joining their class’s lesson), they can Teams message Trent Barnes or Ryan Martinez

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We thank you for your patience and flexibility as we navigate virtual learning!

Best,
Stephanie Gounder
Principal, YES Prep Brays Oaks