

November 6, 2020

Dear YES Prep Families,

It's been a monumental week this week with the presidential election. We hope that your family was able to exercise your right to vote. Despite how anxious this time has been, YES Prep continues to rally around our mission and remains steadfast in our commitment to serving our students each and every day. As we kick off this month of November, we'd like to again express how thankful we are for you, our students, and our staff for the incredible and collective work and support to help keep our schools safe and keep our students learning. Thank you!

Please make sure to read the following letter in its entirety for information and reminders about rapid testing becoming available on our campuses, the family feedback survey results, accessing report cards, and sibling priority status in the student lottery for the 2021-2022 school year.

### Important Dates Reminder

- **Nov. 4 - Jan.14** – Quarter 2
- **Nov. 13** – Report Cards available
- **Nov. 23-27** – Fall break

### COVID-19 Rapid Testing Program at YES Prep Schools

We are excited to share that YES Prep has been approved to participate in the COVID-19 Rapid Testing program in collaboration with the Texas Education Agency and Texas Division of Emergency Management. This means that YES Prep is receiving resources to test campus-based staff and a percentage of students (with permission from parents) to reduce the risk of potential spread within the school communities.

This program will offer COVID-19 Rapid Testing at **no cost** to students and YES Prep employees. YES Prep will **not** charge a fee to take the tests, nor require participation in the program, or distribute tests for non-school or non-educational use. More information will be provided once staff members have been trained and campuses have received their resources and Rapid Tests. *We are working with Aldine, Spring Branch ISD, and TEA to determine rapid testing options at our partnership schools (YES Prep Northbrook HS, YES Prep Northbrook MS, YES Prep Hoffman, and YES Prep Eisenhower).*

### Family Pulse Check Results

Thank you for completing our Quarter 1 Family Pulse Check Survey. Family feedback is invaluable as we continue programming or adjust course for Quarter 2.

Across the district, families indicated a 96% satisfaction with YES Prep's reopening communication methods and a 97% satisfaction with YES Prep Health and Safety protocols.

We are excited to continue to make your student's safety our number one priority and we will continue to keep you informed as members of the YES Prep community to ensure your student is safe, supported, and successful.



## Quarter 1 Report Cards

Student grades for Quarter 1 will be available next Friday. You can access your student's first report card of this school year beginning Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. Student grades can be viewed by logging in to [Skyward Family Access](#) and selecting the **Grading** tile. To see the printed report card, go to the **Portfolio** tile and select the Q1 Report Card file. *As a reminder YES Prep Northbrook campuses ended Quarter 1 on October 16th. Quarter 1 grades can be found in Skyward.*

## YES Prep Means Legacy: Student Lottery Sibling Priority

Every year, YES Prep proudly welcomes both siblings and children of our alumni to our campuses. We believe that this is continued proof that our families believe in our mission to provide equitable access to quality education to all families.

As a current YES Prep family, we would like to thank you for your partnership in this work and want to share some exciting news --Our lottery application is NOW OPEN for the 2021-2022 school year! **We invite all families with siblings of current students in grades PK-3rd and 6th -9th to apply for our YES Prep lottery.** As a result of the trust you have in YES Prep, **all siblings are granted a priority status within our lottery process.** While this does not guarantee a seat, it gives your child(ren) the best chance to join one of our YES Prep campuses. As a reminder, all current YES Prep students do not need to re-apply! For more information, please visit [www.yesprep.org/lottery](http://www.yesprep.org/lottery)

*Please note- the application for YES Prep Northbrook MS and YES Prep Northbrook HS opens November 9, 2020. Please visit this site to apply:*

<https://www.springbranchisd.com/studentsfamilies/choice-program/apply-here>

## Did you know?

Public charter schools like YES Prep are doing an incredible job preparing students for college! About half of English Learners who graduate from charters enroll in college, compared to 28% of ISD graduates. The impact is similar for special education students: 43% of charter graduates go on to college, compared to 23% at ISDs. [You can read more about it here.](#)

As always, thank you families for your support and partnership as we continue our commitment to prioritize safety while also working tirelessly to provide the highest quality instruction, online and in-person.

Thank you