



March 15, 2021

Dear UPAD High School Families -

I hope this message finds you and your family well.

As you know, UPAD HS began this school year with remote education to ensure the safety of our scholars, families, and our crew. Earlier in the year, we surveyed our families and crew to assess the readiness of their return to the classroom. Survey results revealed that many participants from both groups were not yet ready to return to in-person instruction. As such, we made a decision to remain in virtual learning and embark upon creating a three-phased plan to provide safe, supportive learning environments for return to in-person learning options.

The UPAD HS Crew is ready to welcome scholars back to the classroom. We are excited to announce that UPAD HS will reopen schools and provide in-person learning options for scholars **beginning 4th Quarter, April 16, 2021! Your scholars' first day of in-person learning will be April 19, 2021.** Concurrently, we will continue with remote learning for scholars whose families desire for them to remain learning remotely through the end of the school year. The decision to offer both options was crafted in light of family and crew feedback.

Last week, you received a letter from our CEO, Danielle Jackson, sharing broad information around the various learning options being offered that families may choose from to engage and support your scholars. Accordingly, your school leadership team has prepared reopening plans specific to our school based on scholar and family needs while maintaining our commitment to safety and providing a culturally responsive educational experience for our scholars.

The in-person learning option will adhere to all the health and safety guidelines outlined in our *COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan* which was developed based on CDC, state, and local health department guidelines, and the input of school administration, teachers, staff, community partners, and approved by our Board. We review and update it as guidelines continue to evolve.

It is our belief that the reopening plan we have outlined here will guide the continued academic, social and emotional growth of our scholars and ensure that transition back into the classroom is a comfortable and positive experience.

Attached is an overview of our **Reopening Plan** and what you can expect over the next few weeks as we eagerly prepare for your scholars' return. We are including this breakdown to help ensure our families with multiple scholars in various schools receive information about our return to learn plan. You can also click [here](#) to review the plan.

Now that we have completed our return to on-campus plans and shared more detailed information on what learning will look like in the fourth quarter, we want to give families a **Final Opportunity** to decide whether or not they intend to have your scholars return to campus for the fourth quarter. To that end, here is a [link](#) to a survey (<https://forms.gle/Mzbpdi5Q2ZWozLg7>) which you can complete to confirm your intentions. There is a limited number of in-person seats available due to COVID- 19 regulations.



We will have a return to learn parent meeting next **Monday, March 22, 2021, at 5:30 pm**. Here is the zoom link for the meeting: <https://zoom.us/my/jhinesii>

Please help us by starting the conversation now about safety precautions in the school building with your scholar(s) who will be returning to campus. This includes maintaining six feet of distance, wearing a mask properly, practicing frequent hand washing, hand sanitizing, and avoiding embracing friends or crew members (although “air hugs, air high fives, and air fist bumps” are welcomed).

All stakeholders must confirm their decision to return by 8 pm on 3/22/2021.

If you have questions about this plan, please contact us at upad@uprepschools.com. Thank you for allowing us to serve your scholar(s) and family and for your commitment to UPAD HS. Let's finish the year strong!

In Community,

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