



IVY HILL PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL

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Dear Members of the **Ivy Hill Prep** Community,

The moment we expected but hoped would never come is here: **Ivy Hill Preparatory Charter School** will remain closed and students will continue Distance Learning until the end of the school year – June 18, 2020.

While we hoped and intended for a very different final four months of Kindergarten and First Grade, we have a plan.

Here is what we will do:

1. **Continue Distance Learning**, every single day. We can't send our students to school, so we will continue to send Ivy Hill Prep to your homes. The academic achievement of your children is our primary goal. To ensure our students continue to soar academically, instructional video-conferencing sessions, uploaded lessons to our website, and academic resources will continue coming your way.
2. **Continue social-emotional supports** for our students, including small-group advisory check-ins, related services sessions, and counseling sessions.
3. **Continue to support you** with accessing technology and critical services, including food, internet, and technology.

Here is what we will not do:

1. **We don't give up.** We would have never imagined a global pandemic would impact our school during our founding year, but in such a short amount of time we moved our entire academic approach online, supplied all families with technology, and continue to use data to purposefully drive our instruction. There are still 46 days left of our school year, and we will **continue to do great things together for our children.**
2. **We don't lower our bar.** We still expect every student to "be in class", every single day. We still expect them to try their best on their work. We still expect them to be consistently kind to their classmates, their teachers, and their families.
3. **We don't pretend this is normal.** We know that many of you are working on the frontlines of this crisis, in hospitals and grocery stores, on trains and buses, in danger and **always** in our thoughts. Some of us are caring for the sick, and some of us are even grieving losses. Our first concern is making sure our children are safe. If we can help reduce stress around deadlines, promotions, technology access, food, resources, we can and we will. We are here for you.



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Our motto, “Brick by Brick”, continues to reign true during these trying times. Together, we built a beautiful school building. However, times like this demonstrate that “the school” is more than just the building: it is the love, the passion, the resilience, and the unwavering belief that all children *can* learn.

You and your families are in our thoughts always. We love you, and we will get through this together, day by day, and brick by brick.

Committed to Excellence,

Ambrosia Johnson

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