



June 16, 2020

Dear Map Academy Students and Families,

It's hard to believe the 2019-2020 school year is coming to a close. We must admit it is a strange feeling to be officially closing out a school year amid an unprecedented fourteen week school closure. It's been a challenging few months in so many ways, and we are proud of the resilience demonstrated by our school community. We are writing with some important updates for the summer and the upcoming school year.

Summer 2020:

- Map Academy will be closed except for emergencies from Thursday, June 18, 2020 until Monday, July 6, 2020 in order to give our staff a much needed break. In the event of a student emergency, please email us at codirectors@themapacademy.org or call the school at 508-830-9500 and you'll be connected via our remote receptionist to a Student Support Team member.
- We're excited to share that our building is currently substantially impacted by renovations as we prepare to take occupancy of the lower level of the building. The project is in full swing and on pace to be completed in mid-August, providing much needed additional space.
- Summer programming details will be announced as soon as they are available. We are currently anticipating further guidance from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. At a minimum, current remote learning will be available to ensure that students have the opportunity to make progress. **Academic support will be available Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays beginning the week of July 7th. Additionally, our goal is to open for limited onsite opportunities this summer, and we are working hard on a plan that will meet all safety requirements and also allow students much-needed access to in-person academic conferencing and counseling/support sessions.**

Fall 2020:

- Significant uncertainty remains about exactly what school will look like this fall. As we continue to navigate this extremely fluid situation, we are all faced with the need to tolerate substantial ambiguity, and we know that this lack of clarity is difficult and confusing.
- One thing we've learned from fourteen weeks of remote learning is that a completely remote learning environment simply cannot meet the needs of the majority of our students.
- Please know that while there are extensive safety protocols and mandates to consider and implement, and though we continue to await further guidance from DESE, **our goal is to resume onsite operations to the fullest extent possible by the first day of school on Monday, August 31, 2020.**
- In addition, we expect that remote learning will continue to be an option and a part of our reality for the foreseeable future, either due to public health conditions and/or by student/family choice or necessity.
- We are currently planning for all facets of a safe reopening plan, from safety supplies, to socially distanced space allocations, to cleaning and disinfecting, to scheduling and staffing and budget and everything in between and more.

Family Supporter Survey:

As always, understanding your needs is crucial as we plan. We invite you to provide input about ways we can support you and your student via this survey link: <https://surveys.panoramaed.com/themapacademy/login>
Access Code: 3989373684

We hope you and your families stay healthy and well this summer, and we will be in touch as soon as we have more clarity around both summer and the Fall. As always please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns,

Sincerely,

Rachel & Josh

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