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Dear YES Prep Families & Community,

YES Prep has extended its closure of schools and offices through Friday, April 10 to help mitigate the spread of Covid-19 in the community.

This decision is based on the latest guidance from federal, state, and local officials, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and in consensus with the school districts in our greater Houston- Harris County area. We want to reiterate, that we continue to make decisions only after thoughtful consideration and deep discussions with many who are invested in both the education and well-being of our children.

Continuing Student Learning

Please know, learning will continue while campuses are closed after Spring Break. All students have an online learning account through Microsoft, where students can access learning resources from a computer or smart phone. Students are expected to check their email every day for updates once we return from Spring Break. We will share more details and guidance regarding student online/distance learning in the next few days.

If you need access to internet service, visit this website:

<https://www.internetessentials.com/>.

STAAR Test

Governor Abbott has waived the STAAR testing requirements for the 2019-2020 school year. We will continue to keep you informed regarding TEA updates as we receive them during this period.

Student Meals

YES Prep is committed to providing students with access to meals during the system-wide closure. Starting Monday, March 23, YES Prep will be providing meals at all 15 of our non-partnership schools. Families can access the school's parking lot from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. to pick up meals either curbside/walk-up or drive thru. For more details: yesprep.org/covid19.



Employee Pay

YES Prep employees will be paid during the closure. More information will be communicated with staff.

District Communications

We will communicate with families and staff about important information noted above later this week.

We will continue to keep you updated and also encourage you to look for the latest information on our social media and on our website.

During the week of April 6, we will reassess the situation regarding Covid-19 to determine if it is necessary to keep schools closed beyond that date.

We thank you again for your cooperation as we continue to navigate this unprecedented situation with the health and well-being of our students and staff as our highest priority.