

From FACE: Dear Parent Leaders and Family Support Professionals:

- We hope everyone is doing well and finding time to enjoy the summer. This week, DOE announced guidelines around [physical education](#) and [art](#) for remote and in-person instruction. Our schools and district/central offices are busy planning for re-opening, and will continue to provide more updates as they come. As always, thank you for uplifting parent voice and helping to ensure that our communities are informed and empowered. Below is an overview of what's happening next week:

- **[Registering for Remote-Only Learning](#)**

Parents have two choices: (1) 100% Remote Learning (all online, from home); or (2) Combination of In-Person and Remote Learning where students follow their school's schedule of a mix of in-person and remote learning days. Parents should make their choices by completing [this survey](#) by **August 7, 2020**.

Parents who need assistance in completing this survey can call 311. If you chose 100% Remote Learning but want to change your child's preference back to Blended Learning, you should fill out the form again by **August 7**. After August 7, any family who chose 100% Remote Learning will have the option to change back to Blended Learning at a few specific times during the school year.

- **[Family and Student Information Sessions](#)**

Please join us for our upcoming Family and Student Information Sessions where our Department of Education leadership will share the latest updates as we plan for the return to schools in Fall 2020.

July 28, Tuesday, families will be able to hear re-opening updates directly from the Chancellor who will be joined by all of our Executive Superintendents. The event will feature a Q&A where Executive Superintendents will answer questions from families about the re-opening plans rolling out in their districts. Below are the links to register:

- [Tuesday, July 28, 2020 from 6:30-8pm](#)
- [Wednesday, August 12, 2020 from 6:30-8pm](#)
- [Thursday, August 27, 2020 from 6:30-8pm](#)

- **[Family Engagement Toolkit for Schools](#)**

Face has shared a [family engagement toolkit](#) for schools. The toolkit includes guidance, strategies, and resources to support communications and engagement efforts. The toolkit gives schools samples that make family engagement easier and provides a sample calendar, letters and agendas that can be modified to fit schools' needs.

- **Apple Workshops**

Apple is hosting virtual learning sessions for parents and guardians from **July 27th - August 22nd** on topics ranging from how to set up an iPad and how to manage parental controls to a review of build-in apps and features. Learn more [here](#).

- **UFT Workshops for Parents**

During the summer, UFT will be offering a host of workshops for parents on Thursdays from 5-6pm. The topics are below, and you can register [here](#).

July 30: Dare to Lead, a Leadership Workshop for Parents

Aug. 6: Cleaning Your Home Safely

Aug. 13: Social-Emotional Learning for Parents

Aug. 20: Meeting Governance for Parent-Teacher Associations — Amending Bylaws and Creating Standing Rules

Aug. 27: Leadership 2.0, a Second Leadership Workshop for Parents

Sept. 2: Growing Up Cavity-Free, an Oral Health Workshop for Families

- **5 Day Virtual Institute for Parents of MLLS**

The Office of Multi-lingual Learners is offering a 5-day Virtual Institute for Parents of ELLS.

Parents can register [here](#), and a description of the sessions is listed below:

- • Thursday, July 23 - 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM - Know Your Rights 1. Learn more about the Rights for Parents of English Learners
- • Tuesday, July 28 - 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM - Know Your Rights 2. Learn more about the Identification of ELLs/Commissioner's Regulation Part 154
- • Wednesday, July 29 - 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM - Know Your Rights 3. Geared towards Undocumented families and online/offline resources for immigrant families
- • Tuesday, August 4 - 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM - Bilingual Programs

- Thursday, August 6 - 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM - College Planning

Families will receive the information to log in one-day before the event. The 60-minute English sessions will be interpreted in Arabic, Chinese Mandarin, Haitian Creole. The 30-minute group sessions will be led in Albanian, Arabic, Chinese Mandarin and Chinese Cantonese, Haitian Creole, Polish, Uzbek, by our partners in Citywide Council for English Language Learners.

- **LIVE Virtual Summer Field Trips for Families**

In partnership with parent leaders, we have organized a series of LIVE virtual summer field trips with cultural institutions across NYC. Here are the trips that families can log onto next week:

- **Summer Art Studio** at the Whitney Museum for PreK-5 | July 28 | 11AM-11:40AM
Participants will experiment, create, and learn together with at-home art materials.
- **Star Stories** at the Intrepid for grades 3-12 | July 28 | 3PM-4PM
Using images of the night sky, stories from different cultures and examples of simple navigation tools, an Intrepid Museum Educator will help participants view their sky in a whole new way.
- **Meet Victoria at the Tenement Museum** for grades K-8 | July 29 | 11AM-12PM
Journey back in time to 1916 and learn from an actor playing Victoria Confino, a real 14-year-old girl who immigrated to the United States in 1913. Victoria will show us her home, and share stories of her daily life and how her family keeps their culture alive through food, language, holidays and more. Throughout the program, participants will have a chance to ask Victoria their own questions.
- **Summer Art Studio** at the Whitney Museum for grades 6-8 | July 29 | 11AM-11:40AM
Participants will experiment, create, and learn together with at-home art materials. Join us to create your own version of Experiments of Color inspired by Emma Amos.
- **What Floats Your Boat** at the Intrepid for grades 3-12 | July 30 | 3PM-4PM
How exactly does a ship float? Join the Intrepid Museum as we learn about the steps engineers take as they carry out a project such as making a ship large as Intrepid float and create your own floating vessels. For kids and adults at home. Materials: A sheet of foil, large bowl, and 20 to 40 pennies.
- **Summer Art Studio** at the Whitney Museum for grades 9-12 | July 31 | 11AM-11:40AM
Participants will experiment, create, and learn together with at-home art materials. Join us to create your own version of Experiments of Color inspired by Emma Amos.
- **Exploring Creative Careers** at the MET for grades 9-12 | July 31 | 1PM-3PM

How can artists and art lovers turn their interests into careers? Join the MET on this interactive virtual event to investigate careers in the arts, discover new interests, hear from creative professionals, and build your skills in special workshops.

- **School Programming Exceptions Guidance**

The Department of Education has developed three baseline programming options for schools to choose from, as plans for re-opening are underway. The proposed models are based on analysis of system-wide constraints, national research, international best practices, parent and student surveys, and school leader focus groups. The models intend to support schools as they address the needs of their students and families and align with health and safety guidance. Proposed models exist for Elementary, Middle, and High Schools; two additional models are available for District 75 schools. In extreme cases where, for example, schools are managing space and staffing issues, schools can apply for an exception to implement an innovative model that will address these specific needs (see below for details). Exceptions will be considered only in the most of extreme circumstances. Families will be notified of their student's specific schedule in late August.

- **School Programming Model Selection Process:**

- Principals will review all programming models with the School Leadership Team, inclusive of Chancellor's recommended models, which prioritize consistency for families.
- Schools will host engagement meeting with families by August 10, 2020 to receive parent input on programming model selection.
- Schools are encouraged to present families with 2 potential models during the initial engagement period.
- For general resources to engage families, see **Family Engagement Toolkit.**

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- **Future Ready Summer Series July 29, 2020 Flyer Future Ready Summer Series**

This online session is designed to develop student leaders who take ownership over their postsecondary planning journey. The College Career Planning Team will take a hands-on approach to researching colleges and programs that students can see themselves attending. We will walk students through the process of seeking out opportunity programs, campus resources, apprenticeships and offices that are designed to support their postsecondary plans, with the goal that students feel more confident in their postsecondary list.

- **Summer 2020 Tech Ambassador Program**

The DOE is partnering with New York Cares to launch the Summer 2020 Tech Ambassador Program. Through this program, volunteer staff can connect with families who need tech support with their DOE-issued iPads and help resolve other remote-learning inquiries. FACE Invites parent coordinators, family support coordinators, and family leadership coordinators to [register](#) for an upcoming training session, by July 29, to learn more about this opportunity. Family Liaisons will also be notified via email from FACE@schools.nyc.gov.

- [Family Engagement Toolkit](#)

- **[Watch Party Wednesday: Kognito At-Risk](#)**

During this pandemic, we are all at increased risk for trauma. To create a community of awareness, New York City's Department of Health and Mental Hygiene in partnership with the Department of Education has adopted the Kognito At-Risk Suite, an online role-play simulation to help us learn to recognize signs of distress, use conversations to approach a student and discuss our concerns, and if necessary refer parents/students to the appropriate resources. Please register (in advance) at the link below to attend this Watch Party **Wednesday on July 29th at 1:00 pm** to learn about the Kognito At-Risk Suite:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcudO-srz8uEtMdSjvbs2soKUQbsSZjGzFR>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. If you have any questions, please email FACE @schools.nyc.gov

We hope that you and your families are safe, healthy and enjoying the summer. Thank you for your continued partnership.

Warm Wishes,
The FACE Team