



Expanded in-person instruction and updates

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Dear U. City Schools Families:

I have many announcements and updates to share with you today as we continue with our safe, gradual and kind transition to in-person learning.

In-person learning expanding, grades Prek-8

The District will be expanding in-person instruction to four days a week for students in PreK through grade 8. Under the new structure, students will come to school buildings on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Wednesday will remain asynchronous at-home learning days. Families may continue to opt for all-virtual learning at home. See the transition schedule below:

- Monday, February 8, 2021: PreK Students begin four days of instruction per week.
- Tuesday, February 16, 2021: Grades K-8 begin four days of instruction per week.

Parent meetings

Parent meetings are being scheduled in advance of the above transition to four days a week.

- Tuesday, February 2: **All-Elementary School parent webinar** at 9 a.m. and/or 5 p.m. To register, click [here](#).
- Wednesday, Feb. 3: **Brittany Woods Middle School parent webinar** at 9 a.m. and/or 5 p.m. To register, click [here](#).
- Wednesday, Feb. 10: **Individual Elementary School Meetings**. Parents will receive information directly from their school principals.

University City High School student re-entry planning and survey

Conversations among staff are underway regarding the return of students to University City High School for in-person learning. High school parents are asked to complete [this commitment form](#) by next Friday, January 29 regarding your intent to send your child to in-person instruction or to remain all-virtual. Completing this form is critical to our planning and decision-making. You will be hearing more on this soon.

Ubuntu Community Conversation

Join our students and our wellness community for a **Zoom Ubuntu Circle** on Wednesday, February 3 at 6:30 p.m. Our high school Restorative Practices students will lead the session as we check in on one another during this difficult year. [Register here](#) to receive a link, password and reminders.

New BOE policy on educational equity

Last night our Board of Education unanimously approved a new district policy to help ensure that equity remains at the center of its decisions regarding programming and allocations. The policy is fully aligned with our vision of Learning Reimagined. The policy is attached to this email. ([PDF](#))

Youth voice

I hope you had the opportunity to hear the beautiful and inspiring poem written and read by Amanda Gorman during Wednesday's inauguration ceremony for our new president and vice president. Gorman is a 22-year-old black woman just a few years out of high school. She embodies both the hope of our future and the power of youth voice. In that same bright light, I hope you take a few minutes to read the words of another stunning young voice from Brittany Woods Middle School. Eighth-grader Nashaun Bates was recently recognized for his powerful monologue "[Young Black Boy,](#)" written for Lydia-Rae Wehmeyer's theater arts class. We are so very proud of Nashaun who so profoundly embodies the spirit of Learning Reimagined.

Thank you for your support and help as we continue moving forward. As always, I can be reached at shardin@ucityschools.org or on my cell phone at 314-399-0941.

In Service of Our Children,

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