



## Election Day notes and district updates

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Good Afternoon University City Families:

I hope you had a great weekend. As we approach the 2020 election, I anticipate the emotion that may occur after tomorrow's results. The last few months have been contentious and polarizing, and, yes, we are still responding to educating children in the midst of a global pandemic. Be sure to take care of yourself, emotionally and physically.

In that light, I invite you to participate in a special virtual conversation entitled Ubuntu: Building Community, scheduled for 5 p.m. November 4, 2020 - the day after the election. The event will provide participants with a safe space to voice their feelings in a restorative way, while processing current events and learning coping strategies as a community. The event is presented by the District's Student Services Office in partnership with its Restorative Practices Team. Panelists will include district staff and students trained in restorative practices, community leaders, and Amy Hunter, a seasoned facilitator on racial justice. Register at [www.ucityschools.org/electionubuntu](http://www.ucityschools.org/electionubuntu) to get a link and password.

Here are some other brief updates:

- There is no school tomorrow, Election Day, for students. School resumes this Wednesday, Nov. 4.
- Congratulations to our 2020 Apple for the Teacher awardees Deitra Colquitt (Co-Principal, Pershing), LeDominique Rhodes (Teacher Instructional Leader, Jackson Park), Monica Rice (Librarian, Barbara C. Jordan) and Christina Sneed (AP English Teacher, UCHS, and Social Studies Instructional Coordinator, District). The awards are presented annually by the Alpha Zeta Chapter of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority. Click [here](#) to learn more.

It was so wonderful to host our elementary parents and students today for in-person orientations. The excitement was high as families reunited with teachers and staff learned more about their daily safety and

learning routines so they are ready to come to their school buildings next Monday. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at [shardin@ucityschools.org](mailto:shardin@ucityschools.org) or via my cell phone at 314-399-0941. In the meantime, be sure to vote, continue to be well and safe, and know that I care deeply about this community. I will continue to keep you abreast of what is happening around us and within our district. If changes to our plan are needed, I will make them. I remain confident that we will get through this together.

In Service of Our Children,

Sharonica Hardin Bartley, Ph.D., PHR  
*Superintendent*

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