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Dear Achievement Prep Platinum Families:

We are honored to serve a community of passionate, committed and dedicated scholars and Platinum Parents. We are in the midst of unprecedented times and the uncertainty rises daily. As we all work to address the COVID-19 pandemic, we want to remind you that you and our scholars are worth more than gold, you're platinum; and we will continue being a resource for you and our community.

**As announced today by DC Mayor, all DC schools are closed through April 27, 2020.** Closing Achievement Prep for an extended period of time, mid-year, due to a nationwide health emergency has never been done before. We recognize the significant impact COVID-19 and our extended closure will have on you and our scholars. With that being said, please be assured that we are committed to providing the best possible education to our scholars through our virtual learning program. On behalf of myself and the Achievement Prep Platinum Teachers, we would like to reach out and let you know that we are thinking of you and your loved ones every single day.

During this time, our Platinum Teachers will have set office hours to support you and our scholars as they progress in their learning, and will touch base with every single family in their advisory at least once a week.

Additionally, we promise to continue to identify and share resources with you about the countless grocery/food hubs and partnerships across the city via our website and social media handles. Moreover, our Platinum Teachers will seek to identify any need for food, materials, or home supplies during their weekly check-ins with you. If there is anything that you need from us, please contact your scholar's Platinum Teacher and we will do our best to provide or connect you with the appropriate resource.

#### **Remote Learning Lessons for Scholars**

Remote learning will start effective next week on Tuesday, March 24th after Spring Break (March 17 to March 23). Achievement Prep prepared and sent home materials for every grade level from K through 8th grade. Most scholars may have already received these materials last week from their Platinum Teachers prior to closing for Spring Break or picked them up on Monday. Any family that has not received their scholar materials can download them from our website at <https://achievementprep.org/remotelearning/>. If you need a hard copy, please email us at the address below so we can make arrangements for you to get learning materials:

- ES campus: [esremote@achievementprep.org](mailto:esremote@achievementprep.org)
- MS Campus: [msremote@achievementprep.org](mailto:msremote@achievementprep.org)

**We know we need to do more to support you and your scholars for this extended time. We plan to do just that. We will be sending a more detailed plan for distance learning to you next week. Teachers will also be reaching out to all of you on Tuesday, March 24th to see about technology access and needs of you and our scholars. Please make sure to be in contact with the teachers and share your needs.**

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We know that supporting your scholar's learning at home can be challenging, and we appreciate the way our community is coming together in this critical moment. In addition to the lessons provided, we encourage you to think about how our scholars learn best through reading, playing board games, writing in journals, or other activities that will continue to support your scholar's academic growth and social-emotional wellbeing.

We also know this raises a lot of questions about what school closure means and impact on grades, next school year etc. We honestly do not know right now. We are working with city officials to figure this out. We promise as soon as we know you will know.

We will provide additional tips and ideas to engage your scholar through [APrep's social media](#), as well as on our [website](#). We encourage you to share on social media how your family is continuing learning at home using **#APrepAtHome**.

#### **REMINDER: Free Meals for All Scholars**

We want to remind all families that meals will be available for all scholars every weekday at locations throughout the city. Visit [coronavirus.dc.gov/mealsites](https://coronavirus.dc.gov/mealsites) and select, Meal Locations for All DC Scholars, for more information. Please share this information with your friends, family, and neighbors, so that all young people have access to healthy meals during this period of school closure.

#### **Additional Resources**

We know that this situation has caused uncertainty and anxiety in our community and want to support your scholar and family during this challenging time. We encourage you to review the following resources:

- [Viruses Don't Discriminate and Neither Should We: Coronavirus and Stigma](#)
- [Free Comcast Internet Service for Eligible Families](#)

We will continue to provide updates as more information becomes available at [achievementprep.org/coronavirus](https://achievementprep.org/coronavirus).

**MOST IMPORTANTLY** - please do not underestimate the seriousness of this virus. Please practice social distancing and avoid social gatherings to the absolute greatest extent possible. The impact of the virus is still unknown - be careful.

In closing, our desire is for each of you to find comfort and peace. We ask that you please continue to take care of yourselves and your loved ones. Thank you for your continued trust and for supporting scholars during this time. Regular updates will be shared as we prepare for remote learning next week.

In partnership,

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Founder and CEO

