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Dear Croton-Harmon Students, Parents, Staff and Community,

I know you are all eagerly waiting to learn more about the start of the 2020-21 school year. After much deliberation and discussion, we will begin our school year on Tuesday, September 8 with a school re-entry plan that focuses on a **gradual re-entry** and builds to the in-person hybrid model. So let's take a closer look:

- School begins on September 8. As noted in the calendar below, September 8, 9, 10, and 11 are half days for students. During this week, students in grades K, 1, and 2 will come to school for in-person time with their teacher. Students in grades 3-12 will engage in remote learning and our 100% remote virtual learning will begin.
 - Here is a further breakdown by each day for the **week of September 8 - 11**:
 - September 8 (half day): Kindergarten orientation – Students will be joined by their parents (a special schedule will be sent separately); In-person grades 1 & 2; Students in grades 3-12 will engage in remote learning; 100% remote virtual learning begins and continues each day.
 - September 9 (half day): In-person grades K, 1, 2; Students in grades 3-12 will engage in remote learning.
 - September 10 (half day): In-person grades K, 1, 2; Students in grades 3-12 will engage in remote learning.
 - September 11 (half day): In person grades K, 1, 2; Students in grades 3-12 will engage in remote learning.
- The week of September 14 - 18: During this week we see an in-person grade level schedule for grades K, 1, 2, 5, 9, and 12. Again, keeping with our focus of a gradual re-entry, we are targeting transition grade level entry, while the remaining grade levels continue with remote learning.
 - Here is a further breakdown by each day for the **week of September 14 - 18**:
 - September 14: In-person grades K, 1, 2; Croton Cohort Grade 5 and Croton Cohort Grade 12. All other grades are remote.
 - September 15: In-person grades K, 1, 2; Croton Cohort Grade 5 and Croton Cohort Grade 9. All other grades are remote.
 - September 16: In-person grades K, 1, 2; Wednesday Remote Learning Day for Grades 3 -12.

- September 17: In-person grades K, 1, 2; Harmon Cohort Grade 5, Harmon Cohort Grade 12. All other grades remote.
 - September 18: In-person grades K, 1, 2; Harmon Cohort Grade 5 and Harmon Cohort Grade 9. All other grades remote.
- The week of September 21 - 25 we are following our full in-person/hybrid model with grades K-2 in-person Monday-Friday and grades 3-12 hybrid. This highlights that the Croton cohort will be in school on Monday and Tuesday and the Harmon cohort on Thursday and Friday. Wednesday is a remote learning day for grades 3-12.
 - Here is a further breakdown by each day for the **week of September 21 - 25**:
 - September 21: In-person grades K, 1, 2; Croton Cohort grades 3 - 12
 - September 22: In-person grades K, 1, 2; Croton Cohort grades 3 - 12
 - September 23: In-person grades K, 1, 2; Wednesday Remote Learning Grades 3 -12
 - September 24: In-person grades K, 1, 2; Harmon Cohort grades 3 - 12
 - September 25: In-person Supplies grades K, 1, 2; Harmon Cohort grades 3 - 12

Here is a visual of the information stated above:

<h1 style="margin: 0;">September</h1> 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Superintendent's Conference Day	2 Superintendent's Conference Day Student Supplies Pick Up	3 Superintendent's Conference Day Student Supplies Pick Up	4 Superintendent's Conference Day	5
6	7 Half Day K Student/Parent Orientation* In-Person Gr. 1,2 Remote Learning Gr. 3-12 100% Remote Virtual Learning Begins	8 Half Day	9 In-Person: Gr. K,1,2 Remote Learning Gr. 3-12	10 In-Person: Gr. K,1,2 Remote Learning Gr. 3-12	11 In-Person: Gr. K,1,2 Remote Learning Gr. 3-12	12
13	14 In-Person: Gr. K, 1, 2 In-Person Croton 5 In-Person Croton 12 Remote: all other grades	15 In-Person: Gr. K, 1, 2 In-Person Croton 5 In-Person Croton 9 Remote: all other grades	16 In-Person: Gr. K, 1, 2 Wednesday Remote Learning (grades 3-12)	17 In-Person: Gr. K, 1, 2 In-Person Harmon 5 In-Person Harmon 12 Remote: all other grades	18 In-Person: Gr. K, 1, 2 In-Person Harmon 5 In-Person Harmon 9 Remote: all other grades	19
20	21 In-Person: K, 1, 2 Hybrid Model 3-12 Croton Cohort Day	22 In-Person: K, 1, 2 Hybrid Model 3-12 Croton Cohort Day	23 In-Person: K, 1, 2 Wednesday Remote Learning (grades 3-12)	24 In-Person: K, 1, 2 Hybrid Model 3-12 Harmon Cohort Day	25 In-Person: K, 1, 2 Hybrid Model 3-12 Harmon Cohort Day	26
27	28 School is Closed Yom Kippur	29 In-Person: K, 1, 2 Hybrid Model 3-12 Croton Cohort Day	30 In-Person: K, 1, 2 Wednesday Remote Learning (grades 3-12)		*special time schedule – transportation provided by request	

It is important to note that students' supplies (technology, face masks and other supplies) will be available for pick up the week before school as well as during the first week of school.

The opening of school this year is certainly atypical. We are all in uncharted territory. We believe this gradual re-entry plan:

- Will ensure that health and safety measures are fully operational and fine-tuned
- Is respectful and representative of the needs and perspectives of various groups and viewpoints of the families that make up the Croton-Harmon School community
- Will be essential to the the execution of our instructional plans and provide our teachers the time they need to acclimate to both the in-person and hybrid models
- Will help our students and families ease into the school year
- Will enable us to make adjustments as needed
- Will assist us in alleviating anxiety that people, students, teachers and parents may be experiencing as they anticipate the start of the school year
- Will provide additional time to work on instructional technology best practices
- Will demonstrate that we have listened, considered and deliberated on the very best way transition back to school

On behalf of the administrative team, I would like to thank you for your thoughtful questions and your understanding as we open schools keeping health, safety and education at the center of our thinking. These are certainly not easy decisions but know they are made in the best interest of students, faculty, staff and parents.

Yours in Mission Possible,

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