

April 30, 2021

Dear YES Prep Families,

We hope this message finds you safe and well. As you may have heard this week, **Governor Abbott committed to releasing at least \$11.2 billion of federal stimulus funds (of the \$18 billion that Texas is scheduled to receive) to support Texas's public schools.** This funding is critical to support a once-in-a-generation problem. It will boost the efforts of caring educators and staff who are giving everything they have to help students in these extraordinary circumstances.

This pandemic has required much and taken much from our communities. Instruction has fundamentally changed. College tours and career events for our juniors and seniors look completely different. All of our students have needed additional mental health and wellness supports. While many families still worry about how the pandemic and all of its disruptions may hurt students in the long run, this funding amplifies efforts to aggressively address learning loss related to the pandemic. YES Prep has been and continues working hard to help every student—whether at school or online—on his/her path to college and beyond.

Thank you for reading this Family Update in its entirety for information, updates, and reminder about COVID-19 vaccines clinics, YES Prep COVID-19 Health & Safety protocols, the Family-School Relationship Survey, STAAR testing, AP Summits and more.

### Important Dates Reminder

- **May 1** – National Principals' Day
- **May 1** – AP Summit (second AP Summit on May 8)
- **May 3** – Family-School Relationships Survey: *deadline extended to May 3*
- **May 3-7** – Teacher Appreciation Week

### COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Update

Next Friday morning, May 7 we will be hosting COVID vaccine clinics at our East End, Southside, Southwest, West, and White Oak campuses. If you or any family members 18 years or older would like to sign up to receive the Moderna vaccine at one of these May 7 vaccine clinics, please register using the links below. Families can choose the campus/clinic most convenient to them.

[YES Prep Public Schools-East End Campus COVID Vaccination Clinic](#)

[YES Prep Public Schools-Southside Campus COVID Vaccination Clinic](#)

[YES Prep Public Schools-Southwest Campus COVID Vaccination Clinic](#)

[YES Prep Public Schools-West Campus COVID Vaccination Clinic](#)

[YES Prep Public Schools-White Oak Campus COVID Vaccination Clinic](#)

### COVID-19 Health & Safety Protocols Planning

We are carefully planning health and safety protocols for the 2021-2022 school year and will provide an update on YES Prep's current disposition for next years' policies around mask-wearing, class sizes, after-school activities, health screenings and more soon.



## Family-School Relationships Survey: *Deadline Extended to May 3 at 11:59 p.m.*

We are so grateful for your partnership in the education of your child. We truly value your feedback and want to elevate your voice as we seek ways to improve your child's learning experience and create meaningful opportunities for you to connect with YES Prep. We invite you to take part in our annual Family-School Relationships Survey. **The survey will close at 11:59 p.m. on Monday, May 3, 2021.**

You should have received an email from Panorama Education Team <[support+yesprep@panoramaed.com](mailto:support+yesprep@panoramaed.com)> with a personalized survey access code. If you did not get the email and have not yet taken the survey, please kindly take a few minutes to complete the survey using the [Family-School Relationships Survey OPEN link](#).

Thank you in advance for sharing your thoughts with us so we can make YES Prep the best for your child!

## STAAR Update

STAAR testing begins next week:

- Tuesday, May 4: students in Grade 7 will take Writing 7. Students in Grade 9 and retesters will take English I.
- Thursday, May 6: students in Grade 10 and retesters will take English II.

**Please see the tips below to ensure your student is STAAR ready.**

1. Review the information on our website. Here you will find preparation resources & testing dates by grade level. <http://bit.ly/2021SpringSTAAR>
2. Fill out the device survey. Students must take the survey using their YES Prep account. <http://bit.ly/DeviceCheckSTAAR>
3. Know how your student is getting to school. Regular bus routes will run. If you need assistance, contact the front office.
4. Charge your computer. Students must bring their computers and chargers to school.
5. Arrive before 8:30 a.m. Students should be well rested and have breakfast.

Please note: some schools will have some high school students learning from home on days when other students are testing. Be sure to review [our website](#) and contact your campus if you have any questions.

## AP Update

This Saturday is our AP Summit! Students will participate in engaging, interactive and hands-on reviews where they can practice the most important skills and concepts for AP tests.

Registration for May 8 summit has been extended to Monday, May 4 at 4 p.m.

Please visit our [AP Site](#) for more information.

## Did You Know?

The White-Hispanic achievement gap at top-rated district schools in Texas is 8.5 points. At charters, the gap has been eliminated! Hispanic students outperform their White peers by about 5 points. [Learn more about how charters are eliminating achievement gaps here.](#)

## School Principals' Day and Teacher Appreciation Week

Tomorrow, May 1, is National School Principals' Day! We want to recognize all of our amazing principals for their leadership, service and dedication to our schools! Thank you for all you do for our students, families and communities.

Teacher Appreciation Week is also next week! We are excited to celebrate all our teachers who have worked tirelessly to ensure all students continue to learn and feel supported. A major focus of next week will be honoring, recognizing, and celebrating the incredible work that they do. Teachers, happy early Teacher Appreciation Week!

As always, we would like to thank you for trusting us with the responsibility of educating your children. Thank you for your support and partnership as we continue our commitment to prioritize safety while also working tirelessly to provide the highest quality instruction, online and in-person. Our next Family Update will be on **Friday, May 7.**

Thank you