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Dear Prairieview Families,

I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones healthy and well. The team at Prairieview is looking forward to welcoming students on the first day of instruction, Monday, Aug. 24. While we won't yet all be together under the same roof, we are ready to connect with our students and families and provide the best quality instruction in the safest manner possible this school year. We are confident that we will all work together to be successful.

We will share more details about the school day in the coming weeks. Your child can expect more time with their teacher in synchronous instruction, meaning a teacher will be leading a classroom in a live, interactive online lesson as well as assignments and coursework where they can work on their own or check in with their teacher for directions or support via computer.

Remember, our school will host our normal events - Kindergarten Orientation, IIP (Intensive Instructional Program) Welcome, New Parent Tour, and MLP (Modified Learning Program) Orientation, Parent Back to School Night, and others, as part of our efforts to help students and families successfully return to learning. We will send notices when we have these dates and times scheduled. You will receive email invites to the online, Zoom events that pertain to your family.

Over the summer break, I spent time with my sons, Ian and Connor, building a brick paver patio for my 91-Year-Old Mom, as she wanted more space for family to visit and social distance. I read some good books on break, too: [The Freedom Walkers](#) by: Russell Freedman, [Onward](#) by: Lana Aguilar, [The Room Where It Happened](#) by: John Bolton. Many of our faculty members spent some of their break in professional development; and they are rested, recharged and excited for the 2020-21 school year.

- Our school supplies list can be found under "Families" on the District website [here](#).

Again, please note that the supply list was developed prior to the decision to start the year remotely and we are encouraging both our families and faculty to modify the list as needed and remain flexible during distance learning. For those families who ordered PTO School Supply Kits, we will be contacting you regarding the date and time for a Drive Through Pick Up.

A few more general housekeeping tips:

- The District's website is also where you'll find the [official calendar](#) for the 2020-21 school year, including important dates like winter break, school holidays and the last day of school (June 2, 2021, if no emergency days are used).



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- If you still have to complete registration for your child, please visit the District's [Registration Department website page](#). The registration office can be reached at 847-888-5000 ext. 5016.
- Students entering Preschool/Early Childhood, kindergarten, 6th, 9th and 12th grade are typically required to submit health records to school on or before the first day of school but this year that requirement has been extended to Oct. 15, 2020. For more information, please visit the District's [Health Services Department section](#).

Finally, we recommend that you make time for a conversation with your child before Aug. 24 about how they feel about the new school year. We recognize that students have faced social and emotional challenges during this uncertain time. Talking about their hopes and concerns - and your family's own expectations and school-year routines -- can help everyone start off the year with a positive attitude. We will also be focused on our students' social and emotional well-being as we start the school year.

We will have frequent updates during the 2020-21 school year as we all continue to implement Distance Learning as well our plan for limited in-person school visits during the first quarter and our planned hybrid learning model during the second quarter, starting Oct. 26.

I am looking forward to a wonderful 2020-21 school year. I am grateful and honored to work with our faculty, all of our families and, importantly, our students. If you have any questions please reach out at paulflatley@u-46.org, 630-213-5607, [Let's Talk](#), (our online Customer Service Tool), and School District U-46 Central Office, Educational Services Center: 847-888-5000.

Sincerely,

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Estimadas familias de la Escuela Prairieview,

Espero que al leer esta carta usted y sus seres queridos se encuentren en buena salud. El equipo de Prairieview está ansioso por darle la bienvenida a los estudiantes el primer día de instrucción, el lunes, 24 de agosto. Aunque aún no estaremos todos juntos bajo el mismo techo, estamos listos para conectarnos con nuestros estudiantes y familias y brindarles la instrucción de mejor calidad y de la manera más segura posible este año escolar. Confiamos en que todos trabajaremos juntos para lograrlo.

En las próximas semanas, compartiremos más detalles sobre el día escolar. Su hijo(a) puede esperar tener más tiempo en una interacción sincrónica con su maestro(a), lo que significa que un maestro(a) dirigirá el salón de clase en vivo, en una lección interactiva en línea, y también recibirá tareas donde podrá trabajar independientemente o consultar con su maestro(a) para obtener direcciones o apoyo a través de la computadora.

Recuerde que nuestra escuela va a ofrecer - Kindergarten Orientation, IIP (Intensive Instructional Program) Welcome, New Parent Tour, and MLP (Modified Learning Program) Orientation, Parent Back to School Night, and others, as part of our efforts to help students and families successfully return to learning. We will send notices when we have these dates and times scheduled. Inviting you to the Zoom Meetings you should attend. como parte de nuestros esfuerzos de ayudarle a los estudiantes a regresar al aprendizaje exitosamente.

Durante el receso de verano, pase tiempo I spent time with my sons, Ian and Connor, building a brick paver patio for my 91-Year-Old Mom, as she wanted more space for family to visit and social distance. I read some good books on break, too: The Freedom Walkers by: Russell Freedman, Onward by: Elana Aguilar, The Room Where It Happened by: John Bolton. Durante su receso de verano, muchos miembros de nuestro personal pasaron tiempo participando en desarrollo profesional, pero ahora regresan descansados, han recargado sus fuerzas y están emocionados por el nuevo año escolar 2020-21.

- Puede encontrar nuestra lista de útiles escolares en el sitio web del Distrito [aquí](#) debajo de la opción “Familias”. Por favor, tome nota que la lista de útiles se desarrolló antes de la decisión de empezar el año escolar de manera remota y le pedimos a las familias y al personal a modificar y ser flexibles según sea necesario durante el aprendizaje a distancia. . For those families who ordered PTO School Supply Kits, we will be contacting you regarding the date and time for a Drive Through Pick Up

Más consejos para el regreso a clases:

- Encontrará el [calendario oficial](#) del año escolar 2020-21 en el sitio web del Distrito, incluyendo algunas fechas importantes como el receso de invierno, días festivos y el último día de clases (2 de junio de 2021, si no se utilizan días de emergencia).



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- Si aún necesita completar la inscripción de su hijo(a), por favor visite el [sitio web del Departamento de Inscripciones](#) del Distrito. Puede comunicarse con la oficina de inscripciones al 847-888-5000 ext. 5016.
- Normalmente, se requiere que los estudiantes entrando al preescolar o educación temprana, kindergarten, sexto, noveno y duodécimo grado entreguen los documentos de su registro de vacunas antes o para el primer día de clases, pero este año se ha extendido el plazo al 15 de octubre de 2020. Para más información, por favor visite [la sección del Departamento de Servicios de Salud](#) del sitio web del Distrito.

Por último, les recomendamos que tomen un momento para conversar con su hijo(a) antes del 24 de agosto sobre cómo se sienten acerca del nuevo año escolar. Sabemos que durante estos tiempos de incertidumbre los estudiantes han enfrentado retos sociales y emocionales. El hablar con ellos sobre sus deseos y preocupaciones - y sobre las expectativas y la rutina de su familia para el año escolar - pueden ayudarles a todos a empezar el año con una actitud positiva. También al comenzar el año escolar, nos enfocaremos en el bienestar social y emocional de nuestros estudiantes.

A medida que continuamos implementando el Aprendizaje a Distancia, los mantendremos informados frecuentemente durante el año escolar 2020-21, y también sobre nuestro plan de ofrecer oportunidades limitadas para visitar la escuela en persona, al igual que nuestro plan de implementar el modelo de aprendizaje híbrido durante el segundo periodo de 9 semanas, a partir del 26 de octubre.

Espero ansiosamente el momento para comenzar este maravilloso año escolar 2020-21. Agradezco y es un honor el trabajar con nuestro personal, con todas nuestras familias, y los más importantes, con nuestros estudiantes. If you have any questions please reach out at paulflatley@u-46.org, 630-213-5607, [Let's Talk](#), (our online Customer Service Tool), and School District U-46 Central Office, Educational Services Center: 847-888-5000.

Atentamente,

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