June 9, 2020

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- **Philadelphia Mastery Parent Action Team Meeting - TOMORROW**
  Our virtual Mastery-wide Parent Action Team Meeting is **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, from 4:30pm – 6pm.** Please RSVP here. CEO Scott Gordon will join us and we will discuss how Mastery can best support families right now, our reopening plans for the fall, and upcoming meetings with city and state officials. Email MasteryParentAction@masterycharter.org with questions.

- **The Plan For Next Year**
  We have been hard at work planning for the fall. Here are some initial key points.

  The health of our students & staff is our #1 priority.
  Our Governor had declared that schools will reopen in the fall. So, our challenge is how to do so while keeping your child safe. Our plan incorporates the COVID-19 safety directives announced by the Governor's office as well as the local Health Department. We've also decided to adopt the recommendations of the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Those recommendations include:
    - Mandatory social distancing
    - Face masks for all students and staff
    - Class sizes no larger than 15 – to allow for social distancing
    - Minimizing student transitions between classes, etc.
    - No large gatherings – meaning no large assemblies or lunchroom gatherings

  Prioritize in-person instruction with live Mastery teachers as much as possible.
  We believe online learning has a role, but it can't replace a fantastic, real-live Mastery teacher. The problem we face is that because we will have only 15 students in a classroom – we would need a lot more classrooms (and teachers). Our buildings are already at capacity, so our solution is to have half of the students in the building at one time and half the students in the building at another. That could be half of students in the morning and half in the afternoon (and the building cleaned in between) or half one day and half the next. Instruction will have 2 parts:
    1. ***In school:*** students will take classes with their teachers. Teachers will likely rotate between classes and students will stay in one classroom to minimize transitions.
    2. ***At home****:* students complete the remainder of their school work at home - mostly with online assignments.

  Finally, we know your child has been through a lot. We will attend to students' social-emotional well-being by including daily stress reducers as well as teaching strategies that prevent and reduce stress.

  We want your feedback!
  We'd like your input as we develop our plans. The link below will take you to a survey which will take less than 5 minutes. Please respond by Friday, June 12th.
  English: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZDXPQG3
  Spanish: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MFCTGB8