



Letter to Families COVID-19 School Closing Extension until May 1, 2020

April 1, 2020,

Dear Academy For Urban Scholars High School Families and Staff,

Recently, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine signed an order announcing that all K-12 schools will be closed through at least Friday, May 1, 2020, in response to the continued spread of the coronavirus disease 2019, or COVID-19. The Governor will reevaluate the timing of school closures as May 1st approaches.

Fortunately, our team has been preparing and is confident that we can provide a continuity of learning for all students in AUS. We shared earlier that, instructionally, we have already planned lessons through April 6. Now that this announcement is official, we are prepared to make more distance learning opportunities available to our students. **Therefore, parents and students may pick-up new packets and/or a laptop on Thursday, April 2nd from 8:00am to 4:00pm, and Friday, April 3rd from 8:00am to 4:00pm.**

We are adjusting to the preliminary guidance from the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) in reference to graduation requirements, high school credits, standardized testing, and how to move forward with the continuation of learning that meets Special Education requirements. **Graduating Seniors must complete all core credit requirements by April 28, 2020.**

We will continue working collaboratively with the ODE on these guidelines. As we have information, we will share it with our students, families and staff. Throughout this process, we plan to share regular updates on our website, social media and through our One Call system. We are also in the process of creating a survey to allow us to gather feedback from students and parents so we can provide the most accurate information possible. Our Support Line for families in need is open Monday-Friday from 9:00am. until 4:00pm.

We will get through this together. Thank you for your understanding and patience as we work through this unprecedented moment in our lifetimes.

Sincerely,

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