



November 2, 2020

Dear Families,

One of the strengths of our Excel community is its diversity; we welcome students and families from all different backgrounds and with different beliefs and see each member of the community as an individual. The last few months have been particularly challenging for our community, and its members are experiencing disruptions in nearly every aspect of life. The Coronavirus public health crisis has impacted us all, and particularly those who identify as Black and indigenous, undocumented folks, families experiencing financial insecurity, and those with disabilities. This week brings a new moment of challenge for our community, and another opportunity for us to reinforce our commitment to supporting every member of our diverse community.

I want to reach out to remind you that, though our buildings are closed, our schools continue to support families and students. Our students continue to actively engage with teachers in their academic coursework, show up to student clubs and activities after school, and connect with their peers. We are committed to ensuring that all students continue to engage in their schooling with an appreciation for diverse opinions, respect for each other, and a refusal to engage in ways that insult or disempower others in our community.

If your family or student is in need of financial support or additional resources, please reach out to your school. We are committed to supporting our students and families through this time. Please check out our website for information on the support available to families in need at [excelacademy.org/family-resources/](https://excelacademy.org/family-resources/).

Take care,

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