

August 10, 2020

Dear RPS Family,

We are thrilled to virtually welcome back our students on September 8 for the start of the 2020-21 school year! While this fall may look and feel a little different, one thing will be the same: our commitment to teaching, leading, and serving with love.

Earlier this week, we shared [#ReopenWithLove](#), our reopening plan for the fall. I encourage you to read it (available at www.rvaschools.net/reopenwithlove) and follow up with any questions you may have. You can always contact me at jkamras@rvaschools.net. Here are just a few of the most important elements:

- Fall meal distribution will begin on August 31 through our bus system, with over 1,095 stops daily. Most students will be able to pick up their meals between 7 am and 9 am.
- For K-12 students, the school day will start at 9:15 am, right after our meal distribution. For Pre-K students, it will start at 9 am or 9:15 am based on the location.
- Students will experience a full instructional day, including a mix of live instruction, independent work, and small group or one-on-one check-ins.
- Each student will receive a Chromebook and a #ReopenWithLove Learning Kit that will include instructional supplies as well as subject-specific materials such as novels and workbooks.
- All assignments will be required and graded, and students will receive report cards and transcripts.
- Specialized support for English Learners and students with disabilities will be provided throughout the virtual semester.

I will continue to provide daily updates in my RPS Direct newsletter. If you are not yet receiving it, please visit www.rvaschools.net/rps-direct to subscribe. We will also be discussing reopening during our RPS Live! conversations every Wednesday at 7 pm on the RPS Facebook page, and during our RPS en Vivo conversations for Spanish-speaking families every Thursday at 5:30 pm on the RPS en Español Facebook page.

Attached to this letter, you will find our [#ReopenWithLove Family Checklist](#). It is also available on our website at www.rvaschools.net. Please review it and complete each item that applies to your family prior to September 8.

As we approach the start of the 2020-21 school year, I want to acknowledge the anxiety that many, if not all, of you are experiencing right now. To be sure, this fall will not be easy – for either students, families, or staff. To make it through – and actually thrive – we will all need empathy and grace. I pray that we all have the strength to extend it to each other, and the fortune to receive it. That is how we will #ReopenWithLove.

With great appreciation,



Jason Kamras
RPS Superintendent

Topic	Checklist	Where To Get Help
Enrollment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Have I enrolled my preschool or kindergarten-aged child? <input type="checkbox"/> Have I submitted all the enrollment documents (which you can do with a camera phone)? 	Visit www.rvaschools.net/enroll or email enrollrps@rvaschools.net .
Rezoning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Do I know my child's current zone school? 	Visit www.rvaschools.net/school-locator and enter your address to verify your current zone school.
Housing Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Do I need support or additional resources for housing? 	Call 804-780-6288 or 804-780-6195, option 3.
Meal Distribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Do I know the closest bus stop and delivery times for meal distribution? 	Call 804-780-6195, option 1, or visit www.rvaschools.net/meal-distribution .
Division and School Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> How do I find my child's school website? <input type="checkbox"/> Am I subscribed to the RPS Direct? <input type="checkbox"/> Do I follow RPS on social media? <input type="checkbox"/> Is my current address, phone number, and email address updated with my child's school? 	Visit www.rvaschools.net and click on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → 'Our Schools' to access each school website and principal contact information → 'RPS Direct' in the icon list to subscribe to RPS Direct → 'Stay Connected' social media icons on the bottom of the homepage Contact your child's school to update your contact information.
Technology Equipment and Academic Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Does my child have a Chromebook? <input type="checkbox"/> Does our family have internet access? <input type="checkbox"/> Have I picked up my child's #ReopenWithLove Kit? 	Your child's school will be reaching out over the next 2-3 weeks to support your technology needs.
Technology Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Do I need support getting logged into my child's Chromebook for Google Classroom? 	Contact your child's school or email helpdesk@rvaschools.net .
Welcome Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Do I need translation/interpretation services, school enrollment support, or English proficiency screening for EL eligibility? 	Call 804-230-2980 or 804-780-6195, option 2.
Academic Support for IEP Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> My child has an IEP. What supports are available? Who do I contact to schedule an IEP meeting or set up services? 	Contact the Instructional and Compliance Coordinator at your child's school: www.rvaschools.net/oeess-contacts .
English Language Academic Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> My child needs English language support. What supports are available? Who do I contact? 	Visit www.rvaschools.net/liep for English Language support.
Community Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Where can I go for additional support? 	Visit www.rvaschools.net/family-resources for a list of community resources and programs.
Family Support Line	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> What if I have other questions about reopening? 	Call 804-780-6195 or email outreach@rvaschools.net .