



**Dedicated to healthy development, creativity, and the power of ideas**

Dear New Heights Families,

New Heights was founded with the vision of promoting health, creativity, and the power of students' ideas. When we apply an equity and inclusivity lens to this vision, we see that health equity means that all of us are valued equally and we advance practices that create healthy, empowered students, families, and communities centered around wellness. Valuing creativity means that students' identities are nurtured--their individuality, unique perspectives, and self-expression are cherished. Promoting the power of students' ideas means that teaching emphasizes critical thinking, cultivates engagement, and elevates students' voices.

### **PLANS FOR THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR**

- **Additional Staff to Provide Personalized Support for Students:** We are expanding our support team to allow for more small groups, more counseling support, and a Summer School ratio of about 6:1.
- **New Assessment System to better Track Student Progress:** We are now using iReady Assessments to track student progress. The iReady baseline assessment given this May/June replaces the SBAC Assessment for 2021 and will provide us with specific info about what our students know and can do.
- **Safety Protocols:** A list of the practices we will have in place to promote the health and safety: ventilation upgrades and portable air filters in each classroom, daily cleaning routines, handwashing/sanitizing stations, masks, and 3 feet distance whenever possible.
- **Registration Paperwork for 2021-22:** *New for 2021!!* Please use this link to submit all paperwork by June 15<sup>th</sup> to register your child for the 2021-22 school year: <https://newheights.schoolmint.net>. If you have questions or need help completing these online documents, please attend: ZOOM LINK

### **School Materials/Equipment: Return Technology and Books from 2020-21 to either Campus**

- **Return School Technology:** All your technology devices-- laptops, tablets, chargers, hotspots and headphones--must be returned regardless of the condition.
- **Return Wit and Wisdom Books, Workbooks, and Classroom Library Books**

### **SCHOOL SCHEDULE FOR 2021-22**

**The first day of school is Tuesday, August 17, 2021**

- Gates open at 7:00 a.m.
- Breakfast is served at 7:30 a.m. on Lower and 7:45 a.m. on Upper Campus.

**Our regular school day is:**

- Lower Campus 8:15 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.
- Upper Campus 8:25 a.m. - 3:25 p.m.

**Our shortened days have changed to Wednesdays:**

- Lower Campus 8:15 a.m. - 1:15 a.m.
- Upper Campus 8:25 a.m. - 1:25 a.m.

**Pupil free days (no school for students) will be on Wednesdays.**

- September 22, October 13, December 8, February 2, March 2

**Dress Code:** Students have many options to follow the school dress code.

- **Bottoms:** gray, khaki, or blue pants, shorts, skirts or skorts (no jeans)
- **Tops:** white, grey or black (upper campus only) polo with or without school logo, solid color T-shirts, green or orange New Heights T-shirts
- **Jackets:** blue New Heights sweatshirt or jacket, other solid color jackets, no hoods in class.
- Clothing with the New Heights logo can be purchased from Faith Trim Uniforms at 5723 S. Main.

We look forward to welcoming back each child into our community, working together with our families, and enacting our commitment to equity, inclusivity, and trauma-informed support. If you have any concerns about your children, questions about next year or you would like to offer your input, please don't hesitate to contact us!

All the best,

Amy Berfield, Executive Director