

September 2, 2020

Dear BPS Partners,

With the recent release of the second draft of the district's reopening plan, we have been working to solidify our plans around partner access to school buildings for the 2020-21 school year. We appreciate your patience as we worked to determine how to best proceed, with a focus on the health and safety of our students and staff.

In order to minimize health risks, Boston Public Schools (BPS) will limit school building access to only students, BPS and City of Boston staff. There is no scheduled end date to these limitations at this time. School leaders will work with partners to connect students and families with remote services and programs. Many of you have already transitioned to an online platform and we are grateful for your continued support of our students.

Some partners have secured alternative sites for in-person programming while others are seeking space. We are working to create a list of available spaces throughout our neighborhoods where partners may potentially offer programs. If you are interested in being connected with organizations offering space available, please complete [this survey](#).

We will be holding a partner call on Thursday, September 3 at 10 a.m. to answer your questions. A formal invitation will be sent by email, or you can [register here](#) through Eventbrite. The virtual meeting info will be shared with participants 24 hours in advance.

As you make decisions and plan for reopening, please reach out to Margaret Farmer, Executive Director of Development and Partnerships for support, [mfarmer2@bostonpublicschools.org](mailto:mfarmer2@bostonpublicschools.org). In addition to the scheduled call, BPS will continue to post guidance for partners on [www.partnerbps.org](http://www.partnerbps.org). Please update any changes to your programming on the site. We also encourage you to continue communicating with your partner schools to determine how to best implement programming. Thank you for your continued partnership and we look forward to our shared goal of when we can return to sharing space to serve our children and their families.

In unity,



Dr. Brenda Cassellius  
Superintendent