

COVID-19 Update From Dr. Chekan

MONDAY MARCH 16, 2020

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Propel Schools Families,

Thank you for your continued patience and support of Propel Schools during this rapidly changing situation. It is our hope that you and your families are staying safe and healthy.

We understand that so much has changed in our community just over the past week – and Propel families may be concerned and/or uncertain. We communicate with you, having the best of intentions in the spirit of our school community. We strive to provide useful information, designed to connect you with services that you may need – today, tomorrow or in the future – as we stand strong and united **together** against this virus.

Dr. Tina Chekan
Superintendent/CEO

LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL HEALTH UPDATES

We wanted to share some important updates with you. First, below, please see the latest news release from the The County of Allegheny on 3/15/20 and from the Allegheny County Health Department on 3/16/20



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URGENT OCYF Memo Regarding COVID-19. 3-12-2020[2].pdf

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SUBSCRIBE TO ALLEGHENY ALERTS FOR EXPERT INFORMATION DELIVERED DIRECTLY TO YOUR PHONE!

"Allegheny Alerts" will keep you and your family informed about COVID-19 in our communities. Please see the document below, with directions to register for these vital updates!



Allegheny Alerts - directions.pdf

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UPDATED Important Information For Families

GRAB AND GO FOOD DISTRIBUTION

The nutritional needs of scholars and families are of the utmost importance to us:

- Information about how Propel plans to address scholar nutritional needs during this school closure will be coming to you shortly. We thank you for your patience as we await government notification about this process.
- If you have immediate nutritional needs for your family, please see the list below for 'grab and go' food distribution sites that are available to Propel families.



REVISED LIST OF "GRAB AND GO" MEAL LOCATIONS
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- Beginning on Monday, March 16, all schools will be closed for a minimum of 2 weeks. This decision by Governor Wolf will be evaluated again, as the spread of COVID-19 is monitored. The closure of schools may be extended, if circumstances warrant, to protect the health and safety of our scholars and staff.
- Family/Educator Conferences have been postponed.

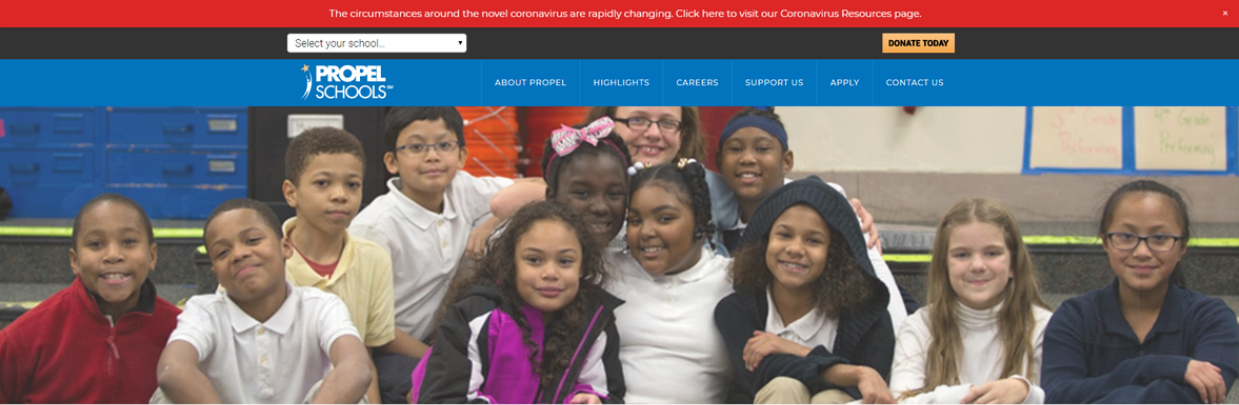
SPECIAL INFORMATION FROM COMMUNICATION PROVIDERS

- **Comcast** has made its Xfinity Wi-Fi hotspots across the country free for anyone who needs them, **including non-Xfinity customers**. Click [HERE](#) for a listing of these hotspots.
- For current Internet Essentials customers, Comcast is boosting speeds to 25 Mbps downstream and 3 Mbps upstream at no extra charge. The company said it will become the new base speed for the program going forward. Click [HERE](#) to read the announcement from Comcast and [HERE](#) to read the FAQs about using the hotspots. Basic instructions include "After finding a hotspot, customers should select the "xfinitywifi" network and launch a browser."
- **T-Mobile** said all current subscribers would have unlimited smartphone data. Please check their website for details.
- **Sprint** said subscribers would have unlimited data for 60 days. Please check their website for details.
- **AT&T** is waiving data overage fees to all customers so that families and students can stay connected during the pandemic. The company is promising not to terminate the service of any customer over the next 60 days. Please check their website for details.

Academic Continuity

Continuity of learning is vital for continued scholar growth. Propel is preparing to equitably support our scholars. We are proud to be your partner in education

We will have information for you very soon about how we plan to equitably address continued scholar growth during this school closure. Families will be alerted via Connect 5 voicemail and email regarding academic continuity plans. If you do not receive Connect 5 messages, please reach out to your school's leadership team to assure that we have your correct email address.



The circumstances around the novel coronavirus are rapidly changing. Click here to visit our Coronavirus Resources page.

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We are Propel Schools... What's New!

Propel Schools is a network of public charter schools that transforms the lives of children in underserved communities through innovative, student-centered learning. Propel sets a standard for creating productive citizens by prioritizing academic excellence and fundamental life skills. Based in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Propel has become one of the largest, fastest-expanding charter school systems since it was established in 2003. Today Propel serves 4,000 students at 13 Allegheny County locations.

PROPEL SCHOOLS WEBSITE LAUNCHES COVID-19 RESOURCE PAGE

Please continue to visit our [Coronavirus Resource page](#). There, you will find links to vital information from experts in our local, state and national agencies.

