



KIPP
COLUMBUS

KIPP ON CAMPUS

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KIPP (the Knowledge is Power Program) is a national network of free, open enrollment public schools who together with families and communities, create joyful, academically excellent schools that prepare students with the skills and confidence to pursue the paths they choose – college, career, and beyond – so they can lead fulfilling lives and create a more just world.

THOUGHTS FROM THE CHAIR:



Chief Judge Algenon L. Marbley

United States District Court,
Southern District of Ohio,
Eastern Division

While many of us believed, and hoped for a school year less impacted by COVID-19, the challenging day-to-day realities of the pandemic remain.

Within the mission of KIPP Columbus, is the charge that our students will develop the skills and confidence necessary to lead fulfilling lives and create a more just world -- giving them the freedom to shape their futures and positively affect their communities; this mission and charge reflect our continued focus, no matter the challenges.

This mission isn't possible without the dedicated team at KIPP, and I am proud and inspired by the work of the KIPP Columbus faculty and staff who demonstrate exceptional perseverance, optimism, and steadfast resolve every day. I am grateful, too, for the unwavering commitment of our KIPP leaders and the exemplary partnership of our families and community as we navigate these unprecedented times.

To each of you reading, thank you for your support, and please stay healthy and safe. We look forward to welcoming you back to campus one day soon!

KIPP COLUMBUS EXPANSION

Later this year, KIPP Columbus will break ground on our expanded learning campus -- allowing us to nearly double in size, and below you will find an initial, draft site plan reflecting these expansion plans.

Our KIPP Columbus Learning Campus will include grades K-12, across various buildings/schools, and the future expansion will largely reflect our current building structures/configurations, but with additional students at the various grade bands. The new facilities will support at least grades K-5 and renovations/expansion of current facilities will support the secondary grades' expansion. Enhancement of current/future amenities and programs will also be further designed in the months/years ahead.

Our expanded KIPP Columbus Primary is scheduled to open in the fall of 2023 and KIPP Columbus Elementary

in the fall of 2024, and a timeline beyond 2024 for additional construction/renovations is TBD.

Building a better tomorrow, together.
Thank you for the support and partnership!



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE:



Hannah D. Powell

Executive Director
KIPP Columbus

Classrooms are full again, hallways are bustling, and our KIPPsters are enjoying the affirming and healing spaces that our classrooms and outdoor environments extend through our incredible educators as we have welcomed back nearly 2,000 KIPP students to campus this school year. There is nothing like the JOY of KIPPsters back on campus!

And while there is abundant joy, there are also significant challenges - not only at KIPP, but across the state and country as educators and communities continue to address the on-going impact of this pandemic on our youth. We are doing our best every day to meet the challenges and opportunities in these moments, while also planning for the future, and we are grateful for the collective support and partnership as we continue to experience these unprecedented times.



With the challenges, there are also immense opportunities, and we will continue to leverage and learn from both to reimagine our schools through a deeper lens of antiracism, love, and joy, building stronger community and possibilities together.

With immense gratitude,

Hannah D. Powell
Executive Director, KIPP Columbus

KIPP COLUMBUS EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND

The KIPP Columbus Emergency Response Fund was established in the spring of 2020 to address critical needs of our KIPPsters and their families at this time and going forward.

To date, this fund has supported nearly 150 KIPP Columbus families with support ranging from direct food assistance to temporary/emergency housing, personal care items, utility bills and more. Every family that has received monetary support has also received support from our social workers in establishing connections to community organizations to provide ongoing/long-term support. For ways to support these efforts, please visit www.kippcolumbus.org/



KIPP FOUNDATION UPDATES

KIPP Columbus is a part of the national KIPP Public Schools network. KIPP, the Knowledge Is Power Program, is a national network of free, open enrollment college preparatory public schools. There are 270 KIPP schools in 20 states and the District of Columbia, serving more than 160,000 students and alumni. Nationally, KIPP alumni are graduating from college at 4x the rate of their peers.

As we enter the new school year, KIPP Public Schools has made several shifts to be responsive to the feedback of our students, alumni, families, team and communities.

One of which is, KIPP Through College (KTC) Becomes KIPP Forward. Formerly known as KIPP Through College (KTC), KIPP Forward is a newly designated title for our dynamic staff who will support our KIPPsters on their way through their high school graduation and

beyond—no matter the career or collegiate path they choose. Together, a Future Without Limits. The new KIPP Public Schools tagline was created to communicate a commitment to a world that is just, inclusive, and equitable.

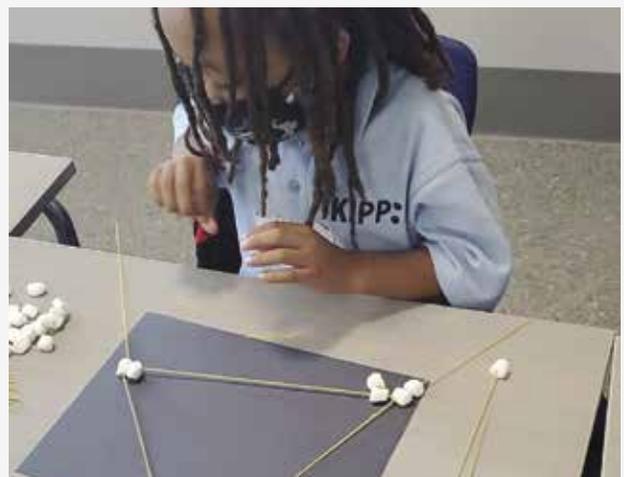


WELCOME, KIDDIE ACADEMY

This summer we welcomed Kiddie Academy as our new partner to lead the KIPP Columbus Early Learning Center. Kiddie Academy is a leading national provider of daycare and preschool programming with more than 265 locations nationwide. They have 8 locations throughout Columbus and are excited to partner with KIPP and expand offerings to serve our families and team.

Kiddie Academy also provides after school programming for our Kindergarten and first grade KIPPsters where recently, KIPPsters explored spatial relationships through a design challenge.

Welcome to the KIPP Columbus Team,
Kiddie Academy!



KIPP SNAPS:

When you visit us at KIPP, you may notice teachers and students snapping. It's our special way to celebrate and recognize each other for doing something remarkable. We thought we'd share some of our "snaps" with you!

ONE LINDEN



The Linden Community Plan is a community-driven vision for shared prosperity and growth based on the concerns, needs, and aspirations of the vibrant Linden Community in Northeast Columbus. KIPP Columbus is proud to be a part of the Linden Community and conversations regarding the implementation of the strategies presented in the One Linden Plan. Potential expanded partnerships with area health systems, library, transportation and other community groups are underway. We are eager to bring these partnerships to life as we expand our KIPP Columbus Learning Community.

PAST FOUNDATION



We are excited to continue our partnership with the PAST Foundation this school year to amplify our environmental science programming for students across our campus! Students will have the opportunity to interact with the 125+ acres of environment on the KIPP Columbus learning campus with various activities catered to their grade level. For example, our first grade KIPPsters will explore insects by exploring the KIPP campus to collect, observe, and document the insect, their teacher will read a book about the insect, and the lesson will conclude with students building their own insect. The goal of this, and all, our PAST programming is to ignite curiosity and spark deeper learning -- we cannot wait to see our KIPPsters explore!

KIPP ATHLETICS - GO, JAGUARS!



Our athletics programming has resumed in full with our fall sports teams (volleyball, football, soccer, cross country). Health & safety protocols are in place to support our KIPPster athletes and limited spectators will be able to support outdoor games/competitions.

The Jaguar football team celebrated their first home win at Legacy Field this September against Utica High School. Not only are our athletes seeing success on the field, but are also growing as scholars with a team average GPA of 3.31 and college visits to Bowling Green, University of Dayton, and Otterbein taking place. Team always beats individual!

NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL PARTNERSHIP

Achieving high levels of COVID-19 vaccination among eligible students as well as team members, household members, and community members is one of the most critical strategies to help schools safely conduct in-person learning and allow safe participation in extracurricular activities and sports.

Nationwide Children's Hospital (NCH) has partnered with KIPP Columbus to offer COVID-19 and other immunization clinics for our students as well as for team members and are planning to support booster vaccinations in the coming months. This is in addition to their continued support of an onsite clinic for our community. We also will be continuing to offer school

nurse support in every building on our campus in partnership with NCH-- the only school in the city to do so! We are grateful for NCH's intentionality, expertise, and care of the health and safety of our students, and the broader KIPP Columbus Team & Family!



**NATIONWIDE
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When your child needs a hospital, everything matters.



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