



The Partnership Post

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Back to School in 2020

CPS leadership has been looking at safe and effective ways for our students and faculty to return to our campus for nearly six months. While our community and commitment to our mission remained resolute throughout the emergency shift to a remote platform last Spring, there is no denying the positive impact of the welcoming, nurturing atmosphere at 3033 W. Glenwood Ave for everyone who spends time there. In July, families, and faculty completed surveys addressing each group's comfort level with returning to our campus under this "new normal". With a nearly 100% response rate, the needs of our community varied, leading CPS to craft a unique reentry plan in response to community needs.

Highlights of this plan include:

- All core curriculum, specials (Art, Music, etc) and social-emotional support will be delivered virtually
- The CPS building will be open for students whose families have significant childcare needs
- New health and safety procedures will be strictly enforced
- In-person students will engage the academic program virtually at CPS, with ample time for recess and outdoor time included - what we are calling our

VirtualPlus initiative

- CPS will introduce a new Classroom Aide Corps - a dedicated group of young professionals who will be on-site at CPS supporting our VirtualPlus program
- Outdoor science and recreation programs are in development with CPS partners
- CPS will provide meals for in-person students and “grab and go” meals for remote families

This plan represents a creative response to a crisis moment in our community, our country, and around the globe. It is mission-inspired, builds on lessons learned through last Spring's experience with remote teaching and learning, and centers the real-world needs and concerns of our families and employees alike.

Your ongoing support of CPS facilitates this vital work, always and especially during this unprecedented time.



New Faces

Concetta Errichiello

"Cetta" comes to CPS as Lead Teacher for Third Grade after serving as an Assistant Teacher at Greene Street Friends School.

Deana Frank

Deana joins CPS as our Director of Advancement, coming to us from Mural Arts Philadelphia.

Sakora Miller

Sakora joins our staff as a Staff Aide. She is no stranger to CPS as a PreKindergarten and 3rd Grade parent as well!

Myonie Williamson

Myonie will be the Lead Teacher for Second Grade after working with Horizons at Episcopal Academy this summer, and serving as an Assistant Teacher at Episcopal

New Roles

Tyler Conway

Tyler will be the new Associate Director of Enrollment & Placement after serving as CPS's Third Grade Lead Teacher for four years.

Anthony Duffy

Mr. Anthony is now a full-time member of the CPS family as Facilities Manager, an expansion of his previous role which he has been in since our move in 2019.

Devalina Guha-Roy

Devalina is returning to CPS as our Remote Learning Specialist, a new role to help our community to navigate the many new technologies our students and families will be using this year. Devalina has been with CPS for 12 years, most recently serving as our Kindergarten Lead Teacher.

Academy.

Classroom Aide Corps

Sam Korman

Sam is excited to be joining CPS as a Class Aide after graduating from Duke University in the spring.

Justice Ricketts

Justice is a CPS "lifer" and proud alum who recently graduated from Girard College.

Takiyah Harris

Takiyah has been with CPS for 13 years and will now be CPS' Kindergarten Lead Teacher, having most recently been in with Kindergarten as their Assistant Teacher.

Troy Thomas

Troy will be the new permanent Director of Enrollment & Placement after serving in the role interimly last year. Troy previously served as the Associate Director of Enrollment & Placement for a number of years, as well as originally joining the CPS family as an Assistant Teacher.

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