
TILDEN CAREER COMMUNITY ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Tilden Families,

Thank you for your partnership during these last few weeks of remote learning. I don't think any of us could have predicted our current situation, and I'm certain we could not have made it this far without each of you in partnership. As a parent of a senior in high school, I empathize and understand that this time of uncertainty and seriousness is emotionally, mentally and physically draining. I want to assure you that we are committed to supporting you and your family during these unprecedented times. We are truly in this together.

Before providing information on what you can expect for remote learning, I want to connect with you as a parent. Emotions are high for many of us, and processing the loss of school and school communities for students is especially difficult during this time. I know you're doing your best to support your children, and I also know you, too, are experiencing many emotions. That said, I want you to know that you are not expected to take the place of your student's teacher. Please find time to honor both yours and your students' feelings. Take the time you need to process what's currently happening around you. Should you and your family need additional social emotional supports, please call the school or send me an email. I will provide information on supports that are available to you and your family. My staff and I are here to support both social and academic learning.

As the Illinois Board of Education and Chicago Public Schools continue to provide guidance and support for remote learning plans, we are working diligently to create plans for our students. This week, Tilden staff worked very hard to revise previous plans for extended remote learning. While we know remote learning cannot replace face to face learning, I'm extremely grateful and proud of the way our staff is stepping up to ensure learning for your child continues as best as possible during this time. It is now more than ever that I'm extremely grateful for leading a small school. With our 4x4 block schedule, we are fortunate to be able to provide our students and families with the support needed at this time. Our teachers are focused on a smaller subset of students, and our students are navigating between a smaller number of teachers.

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In an effort to provide general information about next steps, questions you may be thinking about, and support for learning plans, I have outlined some information below. Please review this information.

Emergency Supports

- The [Greater Chicago Food Depository](#) responds to food insecurity in our community every single day. Anyone in need of food assistance can turn to the Food Depository's network of agencies and programs. With some exceptions, their network of 700 partner agencies and programs remains open.
- If you live on the Southside of Chicago, [BraveSpace Alliance](#) is delivering food to queer and transgender individuals, regardless of immigration status. If you need support, please complete this [form](#). Your information will not be shared with any government or law enforcement entity.
- [The Homelessness Food and Shelter Directory](#) is another resource listing the Emergency Food Programs provided through Food Pantries and Soup Kitchens in Chicago, Illinois and surrounding areas.

Free Meals

- Beginning April 13th, meals will be provided from select CPS sites daily from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. The closest site to Tilden is Graham Elementary School; they are located at 4436 S. Union.

Electronic Devices

- If your family is in need of an electronic device, please call the school at (773)535-1625 to make arrangements to secure a device from us.

Remote Learning Plans

- Spring Break is scheduled from April 6 - April 10. Teachers will not be available during this time.
- Revised Remote Learning plans go into effect April 13. Plans will remain in effect until schools reopen.

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- For families that have electronic devices and internet, teachers will continue to work with students via Google Classroom, Google email, and Google Meet.
- For families without access to electronic devices and/or internet, hard copies of classroom material is available for pickup at the school on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9:00 - 1:00 on a biweekly basis. Packet pickup will begin, April 13. Please call the school to make arrangements for safe pickup. Completed work can be dropped off at the school when new work is picked up.
- Student password retrieval. In case students forget their password to their email or other CPS application, please use this [document](#) to retrieve it.

If you have any questions, please reach out via phone or email. If you have any questions regarding work assigned for individual classes, you may email the specific teacher. You can find their email [here](#). Teachers will respond to your email within 48 hours. Additionally, please visit our website at www.tilden.cps.edu for regular updates.

On behalf of everyone at Tilden High School, we want to thank you for your cooperation and understanding during this time. Please stay safe and take care of each other.

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