

Dear Masterman community,

I hope that everyone had a productive week and that you remain well. Dr Hite has informed us that Governor Wolf announced that the Philadelphia region is projected to move into the yellow phase on June 5<sup>th</sup>. All school district buildings, including the Education Center at 440 N Broad will remain closed for the time being.

Again, we are beyond disappointed that we cannot have any in-person end of the year ceremonies for our 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders. We are working on the virtual celebrations and while this is not by any means that same as gathering at Community College or the Masterman auditorium, we hope to create a virtual celebration that brings together community and is upbeat. The dates are below:

June 9<sup>th</sup> @ 11am – SDP graduation & 7pm after party <https://www.philasd.org/2020grad/>

June 9<sup>th</sup> @ 5pm – Masterman Senior Awards Ceremony

June 10<sup>th</sup> @ 5pm – Masterman Senior graduation

June 11<sup>th</sup> @ 5pm – Masterman 8<sup>th</sup> grade move up

Links for the Masterman events will be forwarded to parents and students soon.

Thanks to the many parents who forwarded documents in order to update their addresses on Infinite Campus. The P-EBT cards are being mailed to families.

Also, if your children are looking for summer writing workshops please consider having them apply to the Philadelphia Writing Project Camps which will be virtual  
<https://philwp.gse.upenn.edu/>

There are also some opportunities for rising seniors:

<https://provost.upenn.edu/pennrssa>

Finally, it has been sad, frustrating, and horrific viewing what is playing out in this country around racial injustices. The George Floyd death has shown us again how much work needs to be done to combat racism and build trust. It is not enough to bemoan racism; we must all commit to being anti-racist. When I attended classes today, teachers and students were grappling with this current incident as well as other injustices, and these discussions need to be ongoing. I live with the hope and expectation that our community and our students will create a more just, caring world.

I have included links to resources that may be helpful. Feel free to explore.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/05/29/books/review/antiracist-reading-list-ibram-x-kendi.html?smid=tw-share>

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1BR1F2\\_zhNe86SGgHa6-VIBO-QgirITwCTugSfKie5Fs/preview?pru=AAABcnX5QPo\\*cAlaJq3OknEX41WtpcbV6w&fbclid=IwAR04\\_1Wv9MQjIHXj1mu\\_7JY88CYQaOyueBMujXDRXIjUBSntsJtJiJQWRU4](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1BR1F2_zhNe86SGgHa6-VIBO-QgirITwCTugSfKie5Fs/preview?pru=AAABcnX5QPo*cAlaJq3OknEX41WtpcbV6w&fbclid=IwAR04_1Wv9MQjIHXj1mu_7JY88CYQaOyueBMujXDRXIjUBSntsJtJiJQWRU4)

Be well. Stay safe.