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Hello Breakthrough Students and Families,

Good evening Breakthrough Students and Families!

We hope that you and your loved ones are doing well and staying healthy. Due to COVID-19, Breakthrough Twin Cities is currently exploring virtual programming. This would mean that our summer programming would potentially look different from what we've done in previous summers, in order to best meet students' needs. We will finalize any decision about virtual programming by May 19th, 2020. We have included a schedule and an illustration of our virtual program planning brainstorm.

Please use [this form](#) to let us know your current plans for summer 2020. For those students who are interested in participating in any programming we will host this summer, it is important for us to understand the various needs for families, including technology and access to the internet.

Lastly, if you'd like to share any feedback or ideas about the virtual brainstorm we've included below, please do so [here](#).

Stay healthy and be safe,
The Breakthrough Twin Cities Staff



BTC VIRTUAL SUMMER 2020

SUPPORTING STUDENTS AND TEACHING FELLOWS REMOTELY

Student Programming & Support (See Sample Schedule Below)

1. Students would...
 - a. have a shortened summer program for 5 weeks (Monday-Friday) from June 29th-July 31st.
 - b. begin each day with a "Morning Meeting" with a small advisory group.
 - c. take classes in Literature, Math, Science, and Writing, and have 1 elective class.
 - d. have 1 academic class meeting every day for 30-45 minutes, and 1 elective class meeting every day for 30 minutes.
 - e. have a meeting with their advisor one-on-one twice a week for 30 minutes to check in on how they're doing and what support they need.
 - f. be able to work on assignments independently or get help by visiting a teacher's "Office Hours", where they can go to a meeting and ask questions with other students.
 - g. participate in special event days on Friday (games, competitions, and other community-building activities).

Family Communication

1. BTC would have an "Open House" event in June before programming begins and may also do a virtual conference event in the middle of the summer.

Technology

1. Meetings and Classes would take place on Zoom, Google Meet, or a similar technology.
2. Teachers will organize their assignments and materials using Google Classroom or a similar learning management platform.



3. Students who need access to technology should let BTC staff know right away to help us understand what family needs are.

Curriculum

1. Academic classes will provide students opportunities to learn fun and interesting things as well as build skills that they are interested in and would be useful to their school-year learning.
2. Elective classes will be designed by Teaching Fellows to help students learn things they wouldn't normally have an opportunity to, or to build relationships around common interests.
3. At the end of the summer, students would develop their own Presentation of Learning, summarizing what they learned over the course of the summer using a creative presentation method (video, song, art, dance, animation, essay, poetry, etc.)

Student Support

1. BTC Staff would still provide resources and guidance for students and families facing specific needs over the summer, either due to COVID-19 or other barriers. This includes (and is not limited to) resources for meals and technology support.
2. BTC Staff would plan to deliver any materials or supplies students need for programming in a safe way.

Again, this is not a final schedule or decision we will be making (schedule on next page). We will give you final updates on May 19th. Please give us your feedback based on this schedule by filling out this form:

<https://forms.gle/4eqE7GH7DoFPiwJ8A>



Sample Student Schedule

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
7:30					
8:00	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting
8:30	Math Lab	Lit Workshop	Science Lab	Writing Workshop	College Circle Time
9:00					
9:30	1x1 with Advisor		1x1 with Advisor		
10:00					
10:30					Grade-Level Circle Time
11:00	Elective	Elective	Elective	Elective	
11:30					
12:00					
12:30	Office Hours (Students can access teachers)	Friday Activities!			
1:00					
1:30					
2:00					
2:30					
3:00					
3:30					
4:00					
4:30					

BooYah!

College Activity	College Activity	College Activity	College Activity	Optional Enrichment
Math Game	Lit Discussion Post	Science Reflection	Writing Assignment	
Lit Reading	Science Pre-Lab	Writing Edits	Math Exercises	