

# LEA LEADERS CALL

April 8, 2021

# WHERE WE ARE TODAY

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- The pandemic has made an indelible impact on our students and families. While our city-wide shift to virtual instruction was impressive thanks to you all, it cannot take the place of in-person learning.
- Every student deserves the opportunity to learn, grow and connect in their own school.
- DC has already safely welcomed back over 20,400 students to the classroom.
- The city has provided strong and clear health guidance, new flexibilities, and extra funding to facilitate reopening our buildings.
- All LEAs across the city are already planning for the fall, working on scheduling and facilities and family engagement.
- We have stuck through this pandemic together. Now, we need a strong citywide commitment to reopening to get to the other side.

# OUR VISION FOR FALL 2021 REOPENING



All public schools in Washington, DC will be fully open for in-person learning in the fall.



In person learning will occur full-time five days a week for all students.



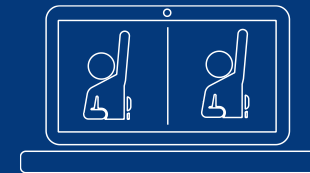
All teachers will be back in schools teaching in their classrooms.



All school buildings will be safe and have strong health protocols in place. Schools will share robust plans with the city and their communities.



Schools will ensure they have staff, space, and other resources they need to accommodate all students.



We will continue to leverage virtual learning on a limited, as-needed basis.

The FY 22 Universal Per Student Funding Formula is a historic commitment to enhancing equity and supporting our most vulnerable students.

A 3.6% increase to the UPSFF's foundation level: \$75M+ net increase for the charter sector over FY21.

Increase to at-risk weight from 0.2256 to 0.24

- \$12M+ net increase over FY21

Creation of new supplemental at-risk weight for students who are over-age in high school

- \$3M investment for student group that is furthest behind

Creation of a new weight for ELL students in secondary grades, at 0.75

- \$11M+ net increase in ELL funding over FY21

# NEXT STEPS

- DME will email the slide deck to LEA leaders by EOD.
- DME will also provide a sample communications template for LEAs to customize to share news of the city's vision for the fall.
- OSSE will follow up with additional information on reopening guidance and the process for documenting LEA based plans by EOD.
- Schools should continue to engage their communities in dialogue and planning for spring, summer and fall reopening. Please reach out to OSSE or DME if you need technical assistance support.
- Fall Reopening will be the deep dive topic on our 4/20 LEA Leader Call. Send questions you want covered to [REDACTED]