



Thea Bowman Leadership Academy
3401 W. 5th Avenue
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Dear Thea Bowman Families,

Thank you as always for making Thea Bowman your school of choice. We know this school year has brought many surprises and challenges for our families and scholars. Through it all, we had a great start with virtual learning and a beautiful transition to our hybrid model. Unfortunately, the global pandemic is causing us to shift and transition back to virtual learning.

Many of you know that one of our top priorities for the 2020-2021 school year, has been to ensure the safety of our staff, scholars, and families. We implemented strong plans to support that effort including temperature checks, revised dismissal, and drop-off procedures, and new lunch procedures. Unfortunately, the surge of cases in Indiana is forcing our school and schools in our community to elevate safety precautions with closure for the rest of the calendar year.

With the increase in COVID-19 cases in the State of Indiana, Thea Bowman will cancel in-person instructional lessons and close our school building until January 19, 2021. Please note that our high school juniors and seniors enrolled in CTE courses (Construction & Computer Science) must continue in-person learning to meet certification and graduation requirements. Additional safety measures will be put into place for the scholars on campus. The CTE department will contact scholars and families with the days and times they must be on campus.

Though our building will close, we are excited that we have provided our scholars with the tools and resources so that learning can continue. We will still deliver live virtual instruction using our online learning platform, Blackboard. In addition, we are going to continue to support our scholars with our supplemental food program. Food distribution will continue to take place each Monday and Wednesday from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Thea Bowman will continue to keep families in our thoughts. We will continue to provide support in various ways as we attempt to overcome the challenges of this pandemic together. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 219.944.3100 or by email at msimmons@theabowmanacademy.org. Please continue to be safe during this time and we look forward to seeing you all in the new year in person.

Educationally yours,

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Principal