

July 23, 2020

Dear Volunteers,

Thank you for all you have done for our CCPS family! We hope you are staying safe. Additionally, we want to make sure you understand how your contributions fit into our *Moving Forward* reopening plan for the start of the new school year.

On March 16, 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic necessitated the suspension of all volunteer support within our Collier County Public Schools. CCPS has spent the last few months extensively planning for a safe return to our 50+ campuses. We have been collaborating with the Florida Department of Health-Collier and the Florida Department of Education, listening to local medical professionals, convening a community-based workgroup, multiple education groups, and following guidelines provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Many of you are likely looking forward to getting back in the buildings this fall to support our students and staff; however, it is extremely important we mitigate risk of transmission and for our students/staff to have time to navigate their new environment before bringing volunteers back into the school buildings.

We have decided, for the time being, to suspend all volunteers, visitors, mentors and non-essential vendors on school properties to help limit exposure to our staff and students.

If you currently hold an active level 1 or level 2 badge, you may start your virtual volunteering today! Technology plays a key role in providing opportunities for our volunteers to continue serving and staying connected to our schools. For virtual volunteering opportunities, please visit our volunteer webpage at <https://www.collierschools.com/volunteer>.

Please note, because of new safety procedures and the need to process our essential employees for employment, CCPS is currently suspending fingerprinting for level 2 volunteers.

As a volunteer, you are very important to us, and we understand it may be difficult to think differently about volunteering during this time. Thank you for your patience, support and understanding through the COVID-19 pandemic. We will continue to update you of any changes to our volunteer program.

If you have questions about volunteering, the application or other concerns, please contact Kathi Macri, Volunteer Specialist at [macrika@collierschools.com](mailto:macrika@collierschools.com) or 239-377-0151.

Kindly,

Human Resources