

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH LEARNING EXTENSION CENTERS**

Columbus City Schools is leveraging the power of partnerships through the creation of Learning Extension Centers -- which are safe, adult-supervised spaces where students can feel supported while learning virtually, and parents can feel comforted knowing that their child is in a safe, welcoming environment during the day. Students will have access to internet and learning devices to assist them in remote learning and staff at the centers will be able to assist students in accessing CCS Remote Learning and Digital Academy platforms. At many locations, students will also be able to get meals and may have access to "after-school"-type activities.

Deborah MacKay, one of the pastors at Valleyview New Life Church is reaching out to ask possible retired teacher volunteers to help staff their Learning Extension Center. They are almost ready with all the paperwork, inspections and sign offs, and are awaiting the new temporary COVID-19 license through the Governor's office.

### **Current Volunteers**

The pastors will be program site coordinators and are both former teachers, plus a possible 3rd individual with Pre-K experience may join. Additionally, they have a few volunteers who have offered to help once or twice per month, but clearly they still need lots of help from volunteers.

### **Projected Schedule**

The desired schedule is M - W - F, beginning with an optional assembly, breakfast, and then sessions from 9 am - noon for elementary students. Then, at 12:30 or 1 pm until 3 or 3:30 pm. Lunch before afternoon sessions for middle and high school students in separate areas, followed by an optional 30-minute assembly after classwork is over. Obviously, we will need to adjust our schedules to the timeframes of the schools where students are enrolled.

### **Start Date and Projected Number of Students**

Due to their schedule constraints, they will be able to do a soft open the week of Sept. 28 and begin in earnest on Oct. 5, 2020. Their location looks to host approximately 12 students in the morning and 12 in the afternoon sessions.

They would love to have trained teachers to help as the main tutors for Math and English core work especially. The enormity of the task for children and families to navigate the learning process through this time makes us know this is something they are willing to stand for in order to help them be successful in this season of such uncertainty.

They look forward to hearing from you and thanks in advance for any help you may be able to provide.

To volunteer at Valleyview New Life Church CCU, please contact Deborah MacKay, Co-Pastor, at 614-562-3971.

To volunteer at other Learning Extension Center sites, please to the website:

<https://www.forcolumbusstudents.com/get-involved>