

Dear Masterman community,

Last week the Board of Education approved the Equity Coordinator position and Marissa Robinson joined us. Welcome, Marissa! I want to thank the community support for this position as well as Steppingstone Scholars, our partners. She comes with an amazing background and perspective. We will post a bio on our website soon. She has already integrated herself into a variety of initiatives which include recruiting more students of color to apply to Masterman, co-chairing the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion committee on SAC, participating in our RTII/MSS including intervention strategies for students who need extra support, and community meetings. We know that an equity coordinator is not the sole solution to addressing issues of racism and equity at Masterman or any school. A coordinator is a piece of the fabric where all of us are working to create change because it is a community's responsibility.

I am also writing to you tonight because we know that next week is our presidential election, and it will arguably be the most contentious election to date. We are preparing to have spaces created for conversation on November 4th. We will also run classes unless we feel that we need to make further changes. We hope that you will speak to your child about the uncertainty of election results which might be the case over the next weeks. It is difficult to predict what will happen. However, we would like to be a stable force for our students, and we hope that we can create that stability by creating as much space as needed for discussion and recognizing that being virtual is difficult within itself.

We are grateful for all of your support. It has been incredible to hear from many parents. We miss you and hope that everyone is SAFE and WELL.

Need I say...don't forget to vote if you have not already done so.

Warmly,

Jessica