IN THIS TIME OF INCREASED NEED,

the essential work of the UCS and its community school directors and social workers is keeping kids fed, connected and engaged at school.





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COMMUNITY DIRECTORS ENSURING FAMILIES HAVE WHAT THEY NEED

1.500+

VIRTUAL COUNSELING AND WELLNESS CHECK-INS WITH KIDS AND CAREGIVERS

20,000+

KIDS AND FAMILIES SUPPORTED BY UCS **6,000**+

We are finding new ways to support our school communities.

UCS has always provided

- Community schools directors who coordinate all UCS services
- Academic supports and programs
- ✓ Food and nutrition to families in need
- Vital mental health and medical services for students
- Job training and employment opportunities for families and community members

UCS is now also providing

- Robust remote academic programs
- Access to WiFi, laptops, tablets and more
- Attendance monitoring and check-ins
- Virtual counseling sessions
- Virtual check-ins with parents and caregivers
- ✓ Online teaching strategies to assist our staff

Our focus has sharpened.

Feeding kids and families through a strong network of community partners.

Closing the technology gap with free WiFi hotspots, laptops and tablets.

Supporting mental health through virtual counseling, check-ins and support.

Fostering professional development with focus on stress management, trauma & more.



Pandemic Support Highlights

| Virtual and telephone tutoring and academic support | WiFi hotspots, laptops and tablets | Check-in calls to students with attendance changes or chronic absenteeism | Remote library and reading materials |
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| Pop-up food banks and nutrition support | Remote 1:1 counseling sessions with kids in need | Coordinating eye exams and dental services | Online support groups and workshops for parents and caregivers |
| Guided videos on yoga, karate, chess and more | Online resources for Social and Emotional Learning | Learning materials and workshops on grief, trauma and coping methods | Coaching teachers encountering difficulties with students |
| Daily alerts to families and staff with resources for learning, nutrition and family activities | Weekly phone calls with parents and students for emotional support and resource sharing | Remote ELS and High School Equivalency classes for adults | |

Our communities need us now more than ever.

The pandemic has intensified the challenges the UCS has been addressing for nearly a decade: food insecurity, technology gaps, access to health services and academic support. We cannot cut this lifeline for these communities.



Priorities for 2021 and beyond

- Continuing to feed and support families in need
- Increasing access to critical mental health services
- Providing online access and devices to families in need
- Adding more UCS social workers to more schools
- Using technology to reach more kids, families and educators with more targeted support
- Continuing the positive outcomes UCS has been achieving since 2012





For more information on United Community Schools and its immense impact on New York's public school communities, visit unitedcommunityschools.org