

## **OnRamps Updates and Distance Learning Transition**

Dear Partners,

Thank you for joining me in the OnRamps virtual partner meeting last week as we shared our plans for ensuring instructional continuity. As promised, here is the [presentation](#).

In addition, I am pleased to share a document addressing COVID-19 related [Frequently Asked Questions](#) for reference. As noted, we will continue to keep you informed of new developments, resources, and supports.

I hope that these resources and our correspondence will be useful to you, as well as the information shared below regarding **distance learning** and **Summer PLI**.

### **SUPPORTING THE TRANSITION TO DISTANCE LEARNING**

OnRamps is as committed as ever to ensuring all students have access to quality learning experiences through their courses. As I shared during our virtual meeting, we are in a unique position with deep expertise and capacity to deliver distance learning for the college portion of our courses. This expertise, shared among the OnRamps high school instructors, is exactly what will support the transition of the high school course to distance learning in this challenging time as well.

Your instructors will continue to receive weekly updates and resources, and should expect information no later than April 3 regarding:

- Suggested pacing revisions and course adjustments for the high school course
- Revised college syllabus and college assessments
- Modifications to college lab experiences (if applicable)
- Administration procedures for college assessments and final exams, and
- Final college grade timelines

Additionally, Zoom is now integrated directly into Canvas and instructors have received numerous resources to assist them in using this video conferencing tool. Here is a [Zoom Participant Guide](#) that you may find helpful for your own use.

### **SUMMER PROFESSIONAL LEARNING INSTITUTES (PLI)**



March 25, 2020

In the interest of safeguarding the health and well-being of OnRamps instructors, we have made the decision to transition Summer PLIs (for both new and returning instructors) and the OnRamps Summit to a **virtual format**. We will be planning the virtual learning experience for our instructors in more detail in the coming weeks. For now, please advise OnRamps Instructors that we will request some online participation during the previously published dates:

June 23-24 – Returning Instructor PLI

June 25 – Summit

July 14-24 – New Instructor PLI

In addition to updates regarding the structure of the PLIs, please expect a **revised cost structure** soon to reflect these changes.

Thank you all for your continued partnership and support for our OnRamps community. We will be in touch with further developments next week.

Wishing you all the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Porter".

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