

**OnRamps Zoom Meeting and Additional Resources****ZOOM MEETING APRIL 2**

Given changes to the OnRamps credit accept process, as noted below, and the positive feedback we received for our previous virtual session, I will be hosting another round of Zoom Meetings. **Please join me on Thursday, April 2 either at 11 AM or 2 PM** as I walk us through the changes mentioned below, additional updates, and answer any questions you have. See the Zoom Meeting information at the end of this email for details on how to join.

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Dear Partners,

More than ever, we continue to be impressed by the ways you are creating innovative solutions to meet the needs of students, teachers, and staff during this time. We are honored to collaborate and be part of the solution.

For your convenience, we have created a [COVID-19 webpage](#) where you will find FAQs, a record of all communications, and additional resources. As a reminder, we will provide the information shared here directly with your instructors through our weekly emails.

**CREDIT ACCEPT CHANGE - NEW CR OPTION**

In careful consideration of the rare circumstances of COVID-19 and the policy changes made by The University of Texas at Austin for residential students, OnRamps has added an option for students to accept a credit (CR) in lieu of a letter grade at the end of the semester. This option will only be available during the Spring 2020 semester for courses impacted by COVID-19 cancellations.

We will be sharing with OnRamps students:

- In addition to the customary accept/decline credit option students have, we are introducing an Accept Pass Credit ("CR") option so that students may still retain the college credit but not the grade should they so choose. Students will have until the last day of their course to make this decision.
- We are extending the time students have to accept or decline college credit. Revised accept/decline windows will be published and distributed in syllabi, Canvas courses, newsletters, and direct student communication.

We will also directly communicate the implications of these selections to students during the credit/accept decline window, including the impact on credit transferability to various postsecondary institutions.

As partners, please note this extended credit decision period also means that End of Year Data will not be finalized until May 29. District Main Contacts will be able to access students' final grades in the portal, but will not see final decisions made by students until then.

### **DIRECT STUDENT MESSAGING**

OnRamps was designed with the idea to provide students with an opportunity to take on the role of college student with the additional supports of the high school setting. With recent updates on instructional continuity and our alignment to The University of Texas at Austin, we want to ensure students are kept apprised of any changes in their college courses. Therefore, OnRamps will be sending out direct communications to students at least on a weekly basis via email and Canvas announcements, beginning with syllabus updates on April 3. OnRamps instructors will receive courtesy copies of all group communications from course staff on a regular basis.

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Lastly, thank you for continuing to send us your Implementation Plans. We greatly appreciate your ongoing partnership and attention during this busy time. And, as always, we remain committed to providing you quality support and ease of access to our resources. Please reach out to me or members of the Partnerships team with any questions.

I hope to see you all on Thursday.

Warm regards,



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### **ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION**

Thursday, April 2



March 31, 2020

11:00 AM - <https://zoom.us/j/983114421>

2:00 PM - <https://zoom.us/j/499164840>