

When Adults Read With Children **EVERYBODY WINS!**

For 25 years, Power Lunch has brought students and mentors together to spend quality one-on-one time reading books they enjoy. This connection is at the core of our work and is what creates positive outcomes for the children we serve.

With this in mind, I want to let you know we place the highest priority on the health, safety, and well-being of our [Everybody Wins DC](#) family and have taken precautionary measures to address concerns related to the spread of the [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#).

- Our staff has received guidance as to how to maintain a safe and healthy Power Lunch environment, including additional cleaning of reading spaces and information about hand-washing protocols.
- **We are asking all our staff, mentors, and students to remain hug/high-five free during their Power lunch sessions.**
- We are working with DCPS leadership and the [DC Department of Health](#) to ensure timely and accurate communications regarding any potential exposure risks or mitigation measures.

At this time, all our Power Lunch schools are open and reading sessions are operating on a normal schedule. We are closely monitoring the situation and will provide additional updates as needed.

In the meantime, if you have recently traveled to a location that has reported a significant number of [COVID-19 cases](#), **please refrain from attending your regular Power Lunch session for 14 days and contact your School Coordinator** to let them know of any potential exposure. In addition, EWDC asks that all mentors exercise discretion and not attend your regular sessions if you have a cold, cough, or fever.

Finally, we understand that some organizations have issued guidance to their employees regarding limiting external engagements and encouraging remote work. If your attendance at Power Lunch will be impacted based on such a guidance, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can provide updates to our students and schools.

Thank you for your understanding and your continued support of EWDC, our mission, and our students. Please feel free to contact us at (202) 216-9467 if you have any questions.

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