



## **Young Man with a Plan Newsletter**

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**We are in constant touch with the young men in the program--texting, talking, meeting them at their schools and inviting them to the YMWAP space in small groups. We are encouraging them to attend school in person if at all possible and looking forward to a busy and restorative summer and fall program.**

**YMWAP is hiring Apprentice Mentors for Summer and Fall 2021 to help supporting weekly meetings; checking in one: one with boys in the program; helping with sports and fitness activities; assisting with recruiting; updating social media; facilitating a session; leading a community service project.**

***Survey: We asked 11<sup>th</sup> graders a few questions; here are their responses.***

### **During Covid, what does your daily routine consist of?**

**School and work - Gym, and school - School eat basketball shower play the game and then go to bed - Wake up play games - School, Work, Playstation - Get ready, eat a little breakfast, get on zoom - Waking up, going to school and talking to friends online - Gym homework then classes sleep and repeat - Eat, sleep, playin video games, watching hulu - School, sleep, shower, homework, video games - Staying at home doing class then work - Wake up and brush my teeth. Hop on zoom till 12 30. Take a power nap. Hop back on zoom around 1 then do my classes till 4-5. Chill or go back to sleep until around 7-9 - Watch tv or read my book - Eat school video games basketball soccer - Wake up hop on zoom on Thursday and Friday I go in person - Video games with my boys, eating and sleeping - Going to school, working out, and practice - Sleeping, working, and trying new things - School and football - Wake up, eat, do school, workout, shower sleep - On the weekdays after school I do 100 push-ups a day - Sleep and eat - School, cleaning, drawing, playing video games, and watching tv - Working out.**

### **Do you like remote learning and why/why not?**

**Yeah, I feel free and good - No, I get distracted too easily - No not at all because I can't seem to focus on just school - No, because I'm more of an in person learner -**

No, it feels nothing like school and more like I'm just being told something and expected to be taught - I feel like the teachers are just giving out work, rather than actually teaching - Yes and no I have more time to myself but I get distracted easily - Nope I always preferred in person I just like doing stuff on paper as well - Yes I like remote learning because I don't have to wake up early for school - Yeah because I don't have to leave my room to go to school - No I don't - It's fine but nothing special - I prefer in person because I learn better and remember more - No because it's more stressful than in person - Kind of because you can move around more - Hate it, feel no motivation to do work - No I don't have as much motivation to do work from home - Yea I like it - NO, I hate it very much. it's mentally draining, my mental health is not doing well with this type of remote learning, I'm stressed, my parents want me to pass when I'm not mentally able to focus. I lose sleep thinking about school. I hate online school learning with a passion - No I don't like remote learning because it's hard to focus and the teachers don't explain things well - Yea it is easy - I don't mind remote learning but I'm still not a fan of it mainly because it's easier for me to write on paper than it is for me to type on a computer also my distractions are a lot less numerous whenever I'm away from home - Not anymore because it is making me lose motivation.

#### **How can Young Man with A Plan help you get to where you want to be?**

Help me get info on my career interests - Connections with people and just people to motivate me - Send me back to school - Mentors in school like old days - I feel like you guys have a lot of dope connections that could really help me succeed in life - More zoom call on various topics - Moral support - I am not sure actually - Keep checking in on me and making sure I'm on the right track in school - Help with options on what to do after high school - Unsure but you helped me a lot already - I enjoyed the meetings we used to have and more info about college - Give me opportunities to learn more about being an adult and help me build connections - Continue to support me in many ways like you guys always have been doing - Get me interested in other things and narrowing down things that peak my interest - By giving me knowledge you wish you would have had when you were my age - Keep me motivated - I just want to know about entrepreneurship and ways of having a successful mentality - They can help me find a good job - Guiding me and helping me find the right path - Learning how to work in a team is something I don't really enjoy doing too often, it would definitely help me along the way and if I find people with similar interests with me it'll make it a bit more fun - The mentors I have are my only role models in my life and they always show what a real man is and the things I need to do to be successful as a young black man and they always point me and my boys in the right direction. That helps a lot and my mentors always try to help me with any situation so I can move forward and be where I need to be.