



July 28, 2020

Dear Aztec Families,

We have been working closely with our educational partners to create and implement a learning plan for the 2020-2021 school year that supports the health and safety of all of our students and staff members – and by extension, family members at home.

On July 17, 2020 San Antonio Metro Health Medical Director Dr. Junda Woo issued a health directive requiring that schools not re-open for on-campus, face-to-face instruction until after September 7, 2020. In light of the directive, and aligned with TEA guidelines, our students and teachers will participate in remote learning for the first 4 weeks of school. Like a number of other local districts, we will also ask our board to approve and submit a waiver that would enable us to extend the period of remote learning for an additional 4 weeks (to 8 weeks total); we fully anticipate that our Board will approve this waiver, and that it will help our school community maintain a sense of continuity and stability as we embark on this new school year.

Students' first day of school is Monday, August 24, 2020. At that time, all learning will be remote. Rest assured: you will receive all necessary information in advance to ensure that your student has a strong start to the new school year. You can expect more information from us on August 12.

On our students' first day, our staff will have already been back at work for 2 weeks. During their Summer Institute, our entire staff – teachers, support staff, and administrators – will continue to develop their shared understanding of effective approaches to support both your student's personal well-being and academic success in a remote learning environment.

We will also kick off a year-long all-staff professional development series, which supports our TEA and Board-approved campus improvement plan which focuses on three main areas: remote-supported (off-campus) instruction; Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)/culturally responsive practices; and, restorative practices.

At this time, we ask you to:

1. Continue to use preventative measures to protect yourself and others against the spread of COVID-19.
2. Contact us now if your student does not have adequate technology and a reliable internet connection so we can help locate the learning tools they need before the school year starts.
3. Remain positive about off-campus learning when discussing it with your student – and know how much we appreciate your support. If anyone needs to “talk it out,” please reach out to us at info@thealamedaschool.org.
4. Respond promptly to registration requests you receive from our school administrators.
5. Encourage new families to enroll at our school for the 2020-2021 school year. The process is now online – from application to enrollment/registration – and has never been easier!

Be safe. Be well. We miss you and are eager for the day we can safely be in the physical presence of one another again!

Educationally yours,

Jeremiah Montez

Principal/Superintendent