Greetings KLA Parents and Guardians,

I want to start by saying thank you for your Hard Work and patience during these last few months while students have been home participating in distance learning. This experience has caused all of us, I'm sure, to find new and different ways to accomplish our life responsibilities.

My staff and I have been working with the Department of Public Health (DPH) and the San Diego County Office of Education (SDCOE) as well as the district's charter office to make sure that every decision we've made during the COVID -19 pandemic has been based on the best information that we can resource. We will continue to use these resources as we plan for the months ahead because the health safety of every student and adult at KLA is highest in priority as we plan reopening for the 20-21 school year.

With these resources we will prepare our actions and practices to allow for social distancing, routinized hand-washing practices, appropriate lunch and recess practices, additional hand sanitizing stations, appropriate classroom cleaning and sanitizing practices, masks and other appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) for students and staff. By the first part of July, 2020 we are hopeful that to provide KLA families specific information regarding social distancing measures and PPE at KLA.

I know that there are parents concerned about returning to the school site or the classroom setting. Some parents feel that returning is critical and are ready to return to the classroom provided appropriate preventative measures and practices are in place. Other parents may feel that it is still too risky and would prefer to remain at home with distance learning for now. We are planning the 20-21 school year where parents have a choice. Based on what we know at this point in time, Keiller Leadership Academy plans to offer the following options for the 2020-2021 school year:

- A distance learning format for students similar to the current one in use. KLA is examining its current distance learning format, and will be refining it for students for use in August.
- Students will attend school and receive instruction and assignments via an online platform or with a classroom teacher. There will be a combination of lesson/activities structures that allow students to benefit from (live), (live stream video) or (recorded video) instruction.
- A blended-learning format for students. Small groups of students will attend school, using appropriate Department of Public Health safety precautions part of the week and will participate in distance learning the remainder of the week.

The actual number of days of student physical attendance at school vs. the number of distance learning days is to be determined. We will follow the restrictions from the DPH on how many students can be in a space and we will likely have some relaxation of school days and instructional minutes from the California Department of Education before we can fully commit to a schedule for this option.

By June 1, 2020, we anticipate having additional budget information and additional guidance from DPH and CDE that will allow us to finalizing our plans. We will provide families and staff additional information as soon as it is available. Until then, we want you to be assured that school will start on August 24th and will provide families choice in a format that they are most comfortable with. We will also implement appropriate health and safety precautions in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

We will send (via email) a survey, regarding each families preferred school format, to help us in our planning and staffing for the coming year. Please complete the survey as soon as you receive it. (This survey is to determine the preferences for KLA families so we can plan the various programs and is not a vote on a single format).

We want to continue to provide KLA students with a rigorous and grade level appropriate education as well as the consistency of attending the school they love.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email your grade level Director or me.

Stay Healthy,

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