



# *Arts Academy at Estrella Mountain*

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August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020

Dear AAEM Families,

**This afternoon, PLC Charter Schools' Governing Board decided unanimously in favor of continuing academic instruction via distance learning due to the high rate of COVID-19 cases in the Tolleson area.**

The proposal was made to extend distance learning through the second quinmester ending on November 4<sup>th</sup> and reassess at the midpoint during the week of October 19<sup>th</sup>.

This decision was based in part by the guidance and recommendations per the Maricopa County and the Arizona Department of Health Services due to this specified community outbreak. We will continue to monitor the Maricopa County Department of Health Services and Arizona state guidance for a safe reopening.

We hoped to see a significant decline in cases by this point, however the most important factor we must consider is the health and safety of our staff, students, and families. We miss our students on campus tremendously and understand all of the challenges that come along with distance learning. You have truly been a positive example within the community for how well distance learning can work when we partner to overcome obstacles and challenges.

Please continue to encourage those around you to follow health guidelines for hygiene, social distancing, and mask wearing. We all play an important role within this effort to decrease community spread of this virus.

Our hope is to see an adequate and consistent decline in the cases we are experiencing within our community which will allow our campus to safely reopen.

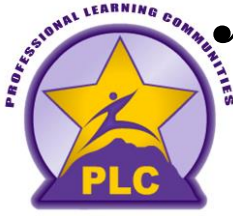
We appreciate your patience, diligence, and support.

With gratitude,

Mrs. Ramirez  
Principal

**Our Vision** - To instill a desire in students to become life-long learners, empowered with the ability to have a positive effect on the global community.

**Our Mission** - To establish a Student-Family-Teacher-Civic relationship that develops and sustains a Professional Learning Community where arts and technology combine with academics and real-life skills to educate and enrich the whole individual.



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Agosto 21, 2020

Estimadas familias de AAEM,

**Esta tarde, la Junta de Gobierno de PLC Charter Schools decidió unánimemente a favor de la instrucción académica continua a través del aprendizaje a distancia debido a la alta tasa de casos de COVID-19 en el área de Tolleson.**

Se hizo la propuesta de extender el aprendizaje a distancia hasta el segundo quincena que finaliza el 4 de noviembre y reevaluar en el punto medio durante la semana del 19 de octubre.

Esta decisión se basó en parte en la guía y las recomendaciones del Condado de Maricopa y el Departamento de Servicios de Salud de Arizona debido a este brote comunitario específico. Continuaremos monitoreando el Departamento de Servicios de Salud del Condado de Maricopa y la guía del estado de Arizona para una reapertura segura.

Esperábamos ver una disminución significativa en los casos en este punto, sin embargo, el factor más importante que debemos considerar es la salud y la seguridad de nuestro personal, estudiantes y familias. Extrañamos enormemente a nuestros estudiantes en el campus y comprendemos todos los desafíos que conlleva el aprendizaje a distancia. Realmente ha sido un ejemplo positivo dentro de la comunidad de lo bien que puede funcionar el aprendizaje a distancia cuando nos asociamos para superar obstáculos y desafíos.

Continúe animando a quienes lo rodean a seguir las pautas de salud para la higiene, el distanciamiento social y el uso de máscaras. Todos jugamos un papel importante en este esfuerzo por disminuir la propagación de este virus en la comunidad.

Nuestra esperanza es ver una disminución adecuada y constante en los casos que estamos experimentando dentro de nuestra comunidad, lo que permitirá que nuestro campus vuelva a abrir de manera segura.

Agradecemos su paciencia, diligencia y apoyo.

Con gratitud,

Mrs. Ramirez  
Directora



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## PLC Charter Schools 2020-2021 School Year Calendar

July 2020						
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June 2021						
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July 23rd  
 September 7th  
 October 5th - 9th  
 November 11th  
 November 25th - 27th

**First Day of School**  
 Labor Day  
 Fall Break  
 Veterans Day  
 Thanksgiving



December 21st - January 1st  
 January 18th  
 February 15th  
 March 8th - 12th  
 April 5th  
 May 14th

Winter Break  
 Martin Luther King Day  
 President's Day  
 Spring Break  
 District Recess  
**Last Day of School**

### Grading Sessions

July 23rd - September 11th	35 Days
September 14th - November 9th	35 Days
November 10th - January 19th	35 Days
January 20th - March 18th	35 Days
March 19th - May 14th	40 Days
<b>Student Instructional Days</b>	<b>180 Days</b>



Teacher In-Service Days - **No School For Students**  
 Early Dismissal For All Students - 1:10 PM  
 Early Dismissal - Parent Teacher Conferences  
 School Not in Session Days  
 Teacher Orientation Days