



Arts Academy at Estrella Mountain

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Dear AAEM Parents, Guardians, and Staff,

PLC Charter Schools has been closely monitoring the global spread of the COVID-19 virus. We have been diligent in following prevention methods recommended by our county, state, and federal officials. After careful and thoughtful consideration, AAEM has decided to close our campus to join in the effort of slowing the spread of COVID-19. **As of Monday, March 16th, 2020 our campus and departments will be closed through Friday March 27th.** This will include all after school clubs, athletic programs, Scorpion Academy, school functions, as well as the use of our facilities by members of the community.

Please know that this was a difficult decision to make as we considered the hardships this may place on our staff, students, and their families. We appreciate your support and cooperation during these uncertain times. Although we cannot control what is going on in the world, we can certainly control how we respond and that is with consideration of the overall safety and well-being of our school community. Although there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 within our community, we have chosen to act on the abundance of caution at this time.

We are working on plans to continue to provide meals to our students in need. We are also looking at the possibility of an academic contingency plan to continue to extend academic access to our students during our campus closure. Further details will be shared by our instructional staff via email, Class Dojo, social media, as well as our school's website.

AAEM's leadership team remains committed to providing a safe environment for our staff and students, as well as a commitment to providing the education our students deserve. We will reopen once we can ensure our campus is safe to do so.

We will continue to keep you updated on any recent developments that will impact our families and staff.

We appreciate all you do to support our school community.

With gratitude,

Arlene Ramirez, M.A, M.Ed

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.