

March 2020

COVID-19 and the Reality of School Closures

The County Departments of Public Health and Education have come together and placed significant restrictions for the greater public good and health of our communities. This has brought the reality of mass school closures to our communities. AchieveKids wants to do our part, while continuing to meet the needs of our students and families.

Beginning March 16th, both of the AchieveKids school campuses will be closed through May 1st, pending updated recommendations from the County Public Health Department. This was a very difficult decision for us; as the impact to our students in their learning, to our families for their ability to work, and to our employees can be substantial. Our teams have spent countless hours these past few days organizing to ensure we do our best to mitigate these considerations and to ensure our students receive reasonable access to instructional materials and related services, and that our workforce has the security of continued income during a shut-down period.

This is an unprecedented situation for our community and our organization. I am thankful for the amazing team members in the AchieveKids community that are working on remote access platforms and materials for our students instructional needs and for our setting up tele-connected abilities to provide our students with related services where appropriate and to families for consultation during our closure.

We often say "Together We Can Achieve," and this crisis is one where we need the support of our community. It is no easy task to coordinate and implement remote learning for our students. We appreciate the efforts of the governor in ensuring LEA's (school districts) continue receiving funding, but this certainty is not the same for Non Public Schools. Your support will help us mitigate this potential challenge and help us in our decision to continue to pay our staff who are working remotely to provide support to our students to the best of our ability.

AchieveKids is dedicated to ensuring we address the care and support of our collective community. Thank you for your support as we navigate these challenging and changing times.

Together We Can Achieve! Ryan C. Eisenberg, Ed.D. Executive Director

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