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Creating Certainty in Uncertain Times

It is important for all of us to remember the unprecedented nature of this pandemic. There is no playbook on how to manage these challenges, and we have unfortunately been met with shifting or changing information. Schools, much like every other factor in our lives, have been significantly impacted by the pandemic, and unfortunately are being pressed to reinvent themselves in real time, as well as build and manage multiple systems of instruction and support with much less money. As AchieveKids begins this school year our focus is on creating a system to navigate this crisis with some level of predictability in these uncertain times. We want to rise to the challenge, create community, and ensure quality instruction that meets families where their comfort level is and feels safe.

With October upon us, AchieveKids is currently implementing this plan, welcoming some of our students back for in-person instruction, while continuing to manage remote learning platforms. Roughly 40% of AchieveKids students are now receiving hybrid/in-person schooling, while 60% remain on distance learning. Of those on distance learning, our amazing team provide 'targeted 1:1' in-person support to aid in remote learning. This is either community based or school based, during hours outside our in-person instruction times. Our teams are making home visits and dropping off resources as we adapt to the dynamics within our community. Here are a few of our accomplishments during the 1st quarter of this school year:

- 35 families have received or are receiving on-going food and resource support
- 18 students are receiving targeted on-campus or small group support
- Approximately 10 additional students have received home visits or community support for a specific need at the time
- Our August and September engagement rate was 93%, well above local and state averages for schools
- We fundraised and specifically supported 39 staff members that had a direct need related to the pandemic

These are not easy times, and more than ever, connection and communities rising to support one another are needed. We are extremely proud of the work our teams are doing to ensure on-going instruction, support, and resources for our students and community members.

Together We Can Achieve,
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Executive Director

Safety is a Top Priority at our Campuses

Our safety committee meets quarterly to promote a healthy and safe environment for all staff, students, and visitors to our campuses. We review safety program goals and ensure that controls are in place to meet all safety requirements. We are monitoring the air quality on a daily basis.

We have plenty of reserves on masks, face shields, and wipes. All our first aid kits on our school campuses and in our school vans are fully supplied and ready to go. Students and staff alike are doing a great job and have adjusted well to the changes for safety to be mindful of space and to avoid cross-contamination. Teams are teaching students hygiene skills as part of their curriculum and learning experiences.



If you have any topics or program aspects you'd like to learn more about; or have suggestions for future topics, please let us know. Email info@achievekids.org

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