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Dear Parent(s),

We sincerely hope you and your family are enjoying the past few days of warm temperatures and sunshine! The ALS office continues to work closely with our partner school districts planning for what the new school year will look like. All school districts received new guidance this past Wednesday August 11, 2020, from the Department of Education. Changes were made to the metrics that guide school re-opening, and also included special rules which apply to rural and remote school districts with low numbers of student enrollment.

In our communication with our partnering districts, we find they are still contemplating if they can provide in-person instruction for grades K – 3, and perhaps limited onsite instruction to specific students requiring in-person instruction for short periods of time, while meeting the Ready Schools Safe Learner guidance. There is no way to predict if the Covid-19 infection rates will remain low and stable enough to provide face to face instruction, but as mentioned to you in prior communication, it is our strong desire that we provide limited on-site instruction combined with carefully planned, engaging comprehensive distance learning materials. The ALS program will need to take direction from our partner school districts to determine if we meet the all the metrics and rules for in-person instruction.

The ALS program has invested in several online learning platforms that we are excited to introduce to our students and families. Once school has started, our teachers will be contacting you to set up short conferences. During this meeting, you will receive your student(s) Chromebook, and be provided with directions on how to log in to teacher virtual classrooms, access and use the instructional websites, and check in for daily attendance.

We are aware how unsettling it is to you not to know what the school year will look like, and truly wish we had more concrete information for you at this time. Information coming from the school districts continues to change almost daily. Please know that the ALS program is ready to serve your student(s), and we have worked diligently to meet their needs in any setting that is determined to be the most appropriate given the re-opening metrics. We will continue to communicate with you as new information becomes available. As always, please reach out if you have questions, concerns, or need further clarification.

Take care,

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